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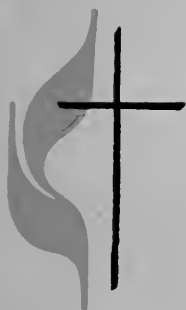
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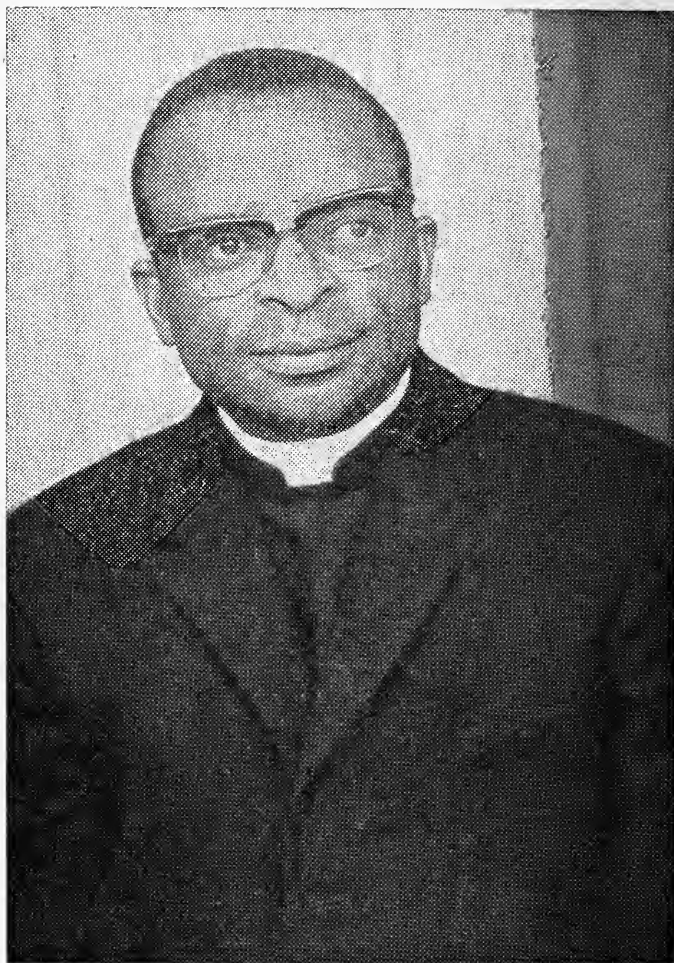


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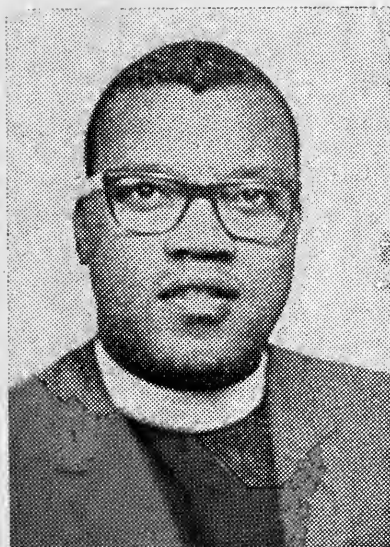
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Held at Mutambara United Methodist Centre, Rhodesia, Africa.

December 30, 1974—January 5, 1975



Bishop Abel Tendekayi Muzorewa
President of the Conference



Secretary of the Conference
Rev. J. W. Z. Kurewa

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Part I

CONFERENCE PERSONNEL

RHODESIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HEADQUARTERS

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A. OFFICERS

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Dr. Zvomunondiita Kurewa, Epworth Theological College.

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Rev. Joseph Bisby, P. B. 636E, Salisbury.

Mr. Alec Chibanguza, P. B. 62, Mrewa.

TREASURER

Mr. Isaac C. Musamba, P. O. Box 3408, Salisbury.

STATISTICIAN

Rev. Charles Miller, 47 The Chase, Mt. Pleasant, Salisbury.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

Mrewa: Rev. Josiah Kurewa, Mrewa Methodist Centre, P. B. 62, Mrewa.

Mtasa/Makoni: Rev. Josiah Chidzikwe, Old Umtali Mission,
P. B. P7024, Umtali.

Mtoko/Nyadiri: Lovemore Nyanungo, Mtoko Methodist Centre,
P. O. Box 58, Mtoko.

Salisbury/Bulawayo: Rev. Thomas L. Curtis, 95 Salisbury St., Salisbury.

Umtali South: Rev. John B. Jijita, Mutambara Methodist Centre,
P. O. Mutambara.

B. MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE HEADQUARTERS STAFF

(P. O. Box 3408, Salisbury)

Administrative Assistant to the Bishop: Rev. Kare Eriksson.

Field Treasurer: Mr. Rhodes Chimonyo.

Assistant Field Treasurer: Mr. John Shryock.

Administrative Secretary to the Bishop: Miss Pat Fulmer.

C. MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE

(Year indicates beginning of minister as member on trial and "p" indicates present at the last session of the Annual Conference).

1. RETIRED MINISTERS:

1934 Chieza, Luke, Rujeko Store, P. B. A7001, Umtali.

1927 Chieza, Philip, P. O. Box 136, Rusape.

1927 Chieza, Samuel, c/o Tanda Store, P. O. Box 28, Headlands.

1942 Chigubu, Nason, Uzumba Council, P. O. Uzumba, via Mrewa.

1926 Chimbadzwa, Josiah, P. O. Watsomba.

1933 p Chitombo, Jonah, P. O. Mutambara.

1907 James, Henry I., The Burlington Hotel Suite 266, Owl's Road,
Boscombe, Bournemouth, Hants, England.

- 1932 Kasambira, Silas, P. B. C7314, Umtali.
- 1924 Katsidzira, Benjamin, P. B. M7209, Umtali.
- 1930 Katsidzira, Hosea, P. O. Box 62, Mrewa.
- 1953 Machiri, Jonah, Chipfatsura, P. O. Box 97, Odzi.
- 1930 Machiri, Patrick, Gonongono United Methodist Church,
P.O. Box 32, Odzi.
- 1948 p Makuto Daniel, Nyamutumbu School, P. B. 645E, Salisbury.
- 1930 p Maramba, Johnson, Nyakatsapa, P. O. Watsomba.
- 1928 Muparutsa, Moses, Muparutsa School, c/o Gatsi School,
P. B. 82G Penhalonga.
- 1930 p Munjoma, Enoch, Matendeudze, P. O. Mutambara.
- 1910 O'Farrell, T. A., 417 Kitchel Ave., Pana, Illinois 62557, U .S. A.
- 1930 p Rugayo, Jackson, c/o Nyanyadzi Methodist Church, P.O. Nyanyadzi.

2. EFFECTIVE MINISTERS

- 1958 p Alvord, Alexander, 12 Londonderry, Eastlea, Salisbury.
- 1948 Anfinzen, Hans F., (furlough).
- 1953 p Ball, Marcia M., Nyadiri, P.B. 636E, Salisbury.
- 1955 p Bisby, Joseph B., Nyadiri, P. B. 636E, Salisbury.
- 1952 Bjerkerot, Ernst (furlough).
- 1940 Blomquist, Lennart G., Old Umtali, P. B. P7024, Umtali.
- 1973 p Chapata, Edward, Nyamuzuwe, P. O. Box 57, Mtoko.
- 1948 p Chidzikwe, Josiah, Old Umtali, P. B. P7024, Umtali.
- 1953 p Chikosi, Davidson, Muziti School, P. B. 8052, Rusape.
- 1955 p Chimbganda, Elijah, P. O. Box 97, Odzi.
- 1973 Chinoda, Micah, Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee 37200 ,USA.
- 1973 p Chitiyo, Elia, Chitimbe, P. O. Box 34, Mrewa.
- 1952 p Chiza, Martin, Mutambara Mission, P. O. Mutambara.
- 1948 p Choto, Kenneth, Nyadiri, P. B. 636E, Salisbury.
- 1943 p Culver, Maurice, Epworth Theological College, P. O. Box H97,
Hatfield, Salisbury.
- 1957 p Curtis, Thomas L., 136 Gaul Ave., Belvedere, Salisbury.
- 1954 p Dikanifuwa, Nason, Gandanzara, P. B. 8084, Rusape.
- 1972 p Dikito, Lancelot, 3133/1 Mkoba Township, Gwelo.
- 1973 p Dziwa, Nisbert, Chindenga School, P. O. Box 75, Mtoko.
- 1941 p Eriksson, Kare E., P. O. Box 3408, Salisbury.
- 1970 Feiker, James (furlough) 2711 Canterbury Road, Ann Arbor,
Mich. 48104.
- 1948 Griffin, Hunter D., United Methodist Board of Global Ministries
475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10027, U. S. A.
- 1952 p Gurupira, Philemon, Mtoko Mission, P. O. Box 58, Mtoko.
- 1963 p Gurure, J. Johnstone, Mrewa Methodist Centre, P. B. 62, Mrewa.
- 1948 Harper, Kenneth, 355 Transylvania Park, Lexington, Ky. U. S. A.
- 1973 Huddleston, Darrell, (furlough).
- 1962 p Jijita, Elliot, Box 3002 Sakubva, Umtali.
- 1953 p Jijita, John B., Mutambara Methodist Centre, P. O. Mutambara.
- 1951 p Johnson, J. Morgan, (furlough)
- 1965 Kadenge, Fanuel, Arnoldine Mission, Box 42, Headlands.
- 1959 Kaemmer, John E., (furlough).
- 1942 p Kajese, Amon C., Mrewa Kraal School, Box 10, Mrewa.
- 1961 p Kalso, Milton, Nyadiri, P. B. 636E, Salisbury.
- 1967 p Kanonuhwa, Arthur, Muchinjike, P. B. 21, Mrewa.
- 1960 Kapenzi, Geoffrey (supernumerary).

- 1973 p Kasiyamhuru, Lazarus, Manyika School, P. O. Uzumba, via Mrewa.
- 1955 p Katsande, Alfred, Mufakose Circuit, Room 140, Mupani Ave.,
P. O. Mufakose.
- 1953 p Kawadza, Jonah, Mrewa High School, P. B. 62, Mrewa.
- 1960 Kurewa, John, Epworth Theological College, P. O. Box H97
Hatfield, Salisbury.
- 1965 p Kurewa, Josiah, Mrewa Mission, P. B. 62, Mrewa
- 1953 p Kuwana, Elisha, Chikore School, P. B. 56, Headlands.
- 1948 p Leiknes, Asbjorn (furlough).
- 1953 p Madzinga, Nason, Nyamuzuwe, P. O. Box 57, Mtoko.
- 1973 p Makande, Josiah, Chakohwa School, P. B. C7314, Umtali.
- 1966 p Makunike, Willis, Nyakatsapa, P. O. Watsomba, via Umtali.
- 1973 p Maramba, Jonathan, Gatsi School, P. B. 88G, Penhalonga.
- 1972 p Marara, Willie, Munyarari School, P. B. C7377, Umtali.
- 1968 p Marewangepo, Zebediah, 4402 Highfields, P. O. Highfields.
Salisbury.
- 1971 p Masenda, Jairus, Mt. Makomwe School, P. B. 93, Odzi.
- 1963 p Matongo, Rudolph, Nyamutumbu, P. B. 645E, Salisbury.
- 1968 p Mawanga, Wilson, Inyanga United Methodist Church, P.O. Inyanga.
- 1968 p Mawokomatanda, Isaac, P. O. Box 10002, Mabvuku, Salisbury.
- 1951 p Miller, Charles, 47 The Chase, Mt. Pleasant, Salisbury.
- 1973 p Muchanyereyi, Morgan, Nyanyadzi United Methodist Church,
P. O. Nyanyadzi.
- 1969 p Mudiwa, Peter, Chikwizo, P. B. 504, Mtoko.
- 1959 p Mudzengerere, David L., Q20 Mzilikazi Township, Bulawayo.
- 1967 p Mukangara, Samuel, P. O. Box 174, Mangula.
- 1962 p Munjoma, John, P. O. Box 1081, Salisbury.
- 1942 p Munjoma, Samuel, Old Umtali Mission, P. B. P7024, Umtali.
- 1965 p Mkasa, Caleb, Muradzikwa, P. B. M7214, Umtali.
- 1954 Murphree, Marshall W., University of Rhodesia, P. O. Box MP 167,
Mount Pleasant, Salisbury.
- 1953 p Mushapaidzi, Davidson, Makosa School, P. O. Box 83, Mtoko.
- 1973 p Muzorewa, David (USA).
- 1956 p Muzulu, Samuel, Chitenderano School, P.B. 2006, Inyazura.
- 1969 p Mvenge, Thomas, Matendeudze, P. O. Mutambara.
- 1970 p Nderere, John, United Methodist Church, Chatima Road, P. O.
Harare.
- 1966 p Nduna, Samuel, Mundenda, P. B. 7017, Umtali.
- 1965 p Nyakuengama, Samson, Mutsago School, P. B. P7006, Umtali.
- 1948 p Nyamukapa, Patron, Nyadiri Centre, P. B. 636E, Salisbury.
- 1961 Nyamuruwa, Dennison, Bible House, P. O. Box 740, Blantyre.
Malawi.
- 1964 p Nyanungo, Lovemore, Mtoko Centre, Box 58, Mtoko.
- 1953 Otto, Grace (furlough).
- 1953 Otto, Vivian (furlough).
- 1971 p Sakutombo, John (U. K.)
- 1971 p Sanganza, Sandah, 26 Chinamhora Street, P. O. Harare.
- 1966 p Shamu, Kenneth, P. O. Box 196, Rusape.
- 1955 Thomas, Norman, Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation, P. O. Box 1493
Kitwe, Zambia.
- 1972 p Tsiga, Julius, Epworth Theological College, Box H97, Hatfield.
- 1971 - Usore, Jotham, U. S. A.

1965 p Zhungu, Lamech, Old Umtali United Methodist Centre,
P. B. P7024, Umtali.

1954 p Zuze, Solomon, Box 2007, Inyazura.

3. MINISTERS ON TRIAL:

1975 p DeWolf, Shirley C., Old Umtali, P. B. P7024, Umtali.

1974 p Hodzi, David, Hilltop, Box 3002 Sakubva, Umtali.

1975 p Mumbiro, Elias, Mutambara Secondary School, P. O. Mutambara.

1975 p Nhiwatiwa, Eben, Old Umtali, P. B. P7024, Umtali.

1974 p Zimonte, Passion, Nyamukoho School, P. O. Box 92, Mtoko.

D. OTHER CONFERENCE WORKERS

1. APPROVED SUPPLY PASTORS:

p Chidawanyika, Bennett, Gumbanjera School, Waterloo, via
Macheke.

p Chikodzi, Elias, UCCSA, Francis Town, Botswana.

p Madondo, Aaron, Chamapango School, P. B. 32, Mrewa.

p Matambanadzo, Annual, Dendera Dam Development Project,
Box 45, Mtoko.

p Mhandu, Kenneth, Mafararikwa U. M. Church, P. B. 2026, Odzi.

p Nkomo, Kaiboni, Dombotombo Township, Marandellas.

2. DEACONESSES:

Chinofukutwa, Dorcas, 1951 Egypt, Highfields.

p Mukangara, Martha, P. O. Box 172, Mangula.

p Samudzimu, Edith, Munyarari School, P. B. C7377, Umtali.

p Wilson, Barbara, Mutambara Hospital, P. O. Mutambara.

3. MISSIONARIES:

(Year indicates beginning of missionary service in Rhodesia)

a. Retired:

1952 Aschliman, Myrtle, Olds Hall, P. O. Box 791, Daytona Beach,
Florida, USA.

1945 Ashby, Elma, 120 Diana Street, Perris, California 92370 USA

1926 Hansson, Ruth, Bergsgatan 2, Lulea, Sweden.

1915 Hess, Stella, Brookes-Howel W.S.C.S. Home, 29 Spears Ave.,
Asheville, North Carolina, U. S. A.

1923 King, Sarah, 275 Robincroft Dr., Pasadena, Calif. 91104, U. S. A.

1920 Murphree, Lois, 275 Robincroft Drive, Pasadena, Calif. 91104, USA.

1925 Nutting, Clara, Bancroft-Taylor Home, 74 Cookman, Ocean Grove,
N. J. 07756 USA.

1938 Parks, Edith, c/o 2119 Waldron S. W., Grand Rapids, Michigan
49509, USA.

1920 Parmenter, Ona, 275 Robincroft Drive, Pasadena, Calif. 91104, USA.

1929 Pfaff, Jessie, 524 Bennett St., Bottineau, North Dakota, 58318,
U.S.A.

1922 Reitz, Beulah, Brookes-Howell W.S.C.S. Home, 29 Spears Ave.,
Asheville, North Carolina, U. S. A.

1918 Roberts, Mrs. G. A., P. O. Box 543, Penney Farms, Fla. 32079, USA

1929 Sells, Olga, Box 157, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, U.S.A.

1925 Scovill, Ila, P. O. Box 118, Pioneer, Ohio, U.S.A.

1952 Sheretz, Mrs. D. Lamar, 2905 Randolph Rd., Silver Spring,
Maryland, U.S.A.

1931 Whitney, Alice, 2733 Montrose Ave., Apt. 11, Montrose California
91020, U.S.A.

b. Effective:

- 1959 Alvord, Dorothy, 12 Londonderry, Eastlea, Salisbury.
1951 Anfinson, Odney (furlough).
1961 Bisby, Dorothy, Nyadiri Centre, P. B. 636E, Salisbury.
1947 Blomquist, Maj-Stina, Old Umtali, P. B. P7024, Umtali.
1967 Brun, Margret, Nyadiri Hospital, P. B. 636E., Salisbury.
1944 Culver, Verna, Epworth Theological College, P. O. Box H97,
Hatfield, Salisbury.
1961 Curtis, Margaret, 136 Gaul Avenue South, Salisbury.
1965 DeWolf, Ted, Old Umtali, P. B. P7024, Umtali.
1949 Eriksson, Asta, P. O. Box 3408, Salisbury.
1969 Feiker, Anne-Gure, (furlough).
1961 Finster, William, Dendera Dam Development Project, P. O. Box 45,
Mtoko.
1961 Finster, Esther, (same as above).
1958 Fleshman, George, Box 115, Maun Secondary School, Botswana.
1958 Fleshman, Flora, (same as above).
1967 Fulmer, Pat, P. O. Box 3408, Salisbury.
1951 Griffin, Ellabeth, c/o H. Griffin, Board of Global Ministries of the
United Methodist Church, 475 Riverside Dr., New York,
N. Y. 10027, U.S.A.
1970 Hoover, Gail, Nyadiri, P. B. 636E., Salisbury.
1947 Johansson, Margit, Mutambara Hospital, P. O. Mutambara.
1961 Johnson, Rosalie, (furlough)
1963 Kaemmer, Gloria, (furlough).
1963 Kalso, Geraldine, Nyadiri Centre, P. B. 636E., Salisbury.
1948 Leiknes, Astrid, (furlough).
1965 Lindgren, Rut, Nyadiri Hospital, P. B. 636E, Ealisbury.
1972 Mansure, Arthur, (furlough).
1972 Mansure, Janice, (furlough).
1956 Matzigkeit, Everett, 3 Dawson Street, Umtali.
1956 Matzigkeit, Ruth, 3 Dawson Street, Umtali.
1972 Meier, Claire, Nyadiri Hospital, P. B. 636E., Salisbury.
1968 Messenger, Susan, 133 Main Street, Umtali.
1958 Miller, Ellen, 47, The Chase, Mt. Pleasant, Salisbury.
1973 Morford, Anna, P. B. 62, Mrewa.
1964 Nelvig Margret, Jonar Court No. 2 Natal Rd., Avondale Salisbury
1946 Roberts, Tudor, Nyamuzuwe, P. O. Box 57, Mtoko.
1946 Roberts, Emilie, (same as above).
1962 Rudy, Donald B., (on furlough)
1962 Rudy, Ruth, (same as above).
1957 Schevenius, John, "The Haven," 14 Fern Rd., P. O. Hatfield.
1957 Schevenius, Ruth, (same as above).
1963 Shryock, John, 6 Gloucester Dr., Eastlea, Salisbury.
1963 Shryock, Ruth, (same as above).
1947 Taylor, Mildred, Nyamuzuwe, P. O. Box 57, Mtoko.
1961 Thomas, Winnie, Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation, P. O. Box 1493,
Kitwe, Zambia.

Lay Delegates:

MREWA DISTRICT

Chikore-Tanda: Richard Rombedza, p, Nyahowe School, P. B. 2060,
Headlands.

Headlands: James Kufakunesu, p, Magura School, P. B. 2057, Headlands.
Maramba-Pfungwe: Jonah Kaundikiza, p, Guyu Township, Maramba.
 P. B. 605, Mrewa.
Mrewa Centre: Enock Mukasa, p, P. B. 62, Mrewa.
Mrewa East: Crispen Mukusha, p, Chiguri School, P. B. 49, Mrewa.
 Alec Chibanguza, p, P. B. 62, Mrewa.
Mrewa North: Samuel Mukombiwa, p, Muchinjike School, P. B. 21, Mrewa.
Mrewa South: I. Muedzwa, Chamapango School, P. B. 32, Mrewa.
Mrewa West: Mrs. Joyce Matiza, p, P. B. 9, Mrewa.
Nhowe: Elijah Mukarakate, p, Mtize School, P. B. 927, Mrewa.
Uzumba: Brown Mutengambiri, p, Morris School, P. O. Box 37, Mrewa.

MTASA — MAKONI DISTRICT

Chiduku North: Newton Chiwara, p, Muziti School, P. B. 8052, Rusape.
Chiduku South: Noah Kapumha, Chigora School, Box 151, Inyazura.
Chizawana: Mrs. E. Mugandani, p, Dowa Council School, P. O. Gwangwadza, Rusape.
Gandanzara: Zachariah Manditsera, p, Chikuruwo School, 80014, Rusape.
Honde Valley: Mattie Mparutsa, p, Mparutsa School, P. B. 82G, Penhalonga.
Inyanga: Caleb Madiwa, St. Monica School, Flying Dove Store,
 P. B. 2020, Inyanga.
Makoni: Stanford Chingoma, Zuze School, P. B. 2007, Inyazura.
Mundenda—Penhalonga: S. Gonye, Odzi Council School, P. O. Odzi.
Nyakatsapa: Isaac Mudehwe, p, Nyakatsapa Mission, P. O. Watsomba.
Old Umtali Mission: O. Mhere, p, P. B. P7024, Umtali.
 Mrs. E. Chikwanha, p, P. B. P7024, Umtali.
Rupinda: Nathaniel Dozwa, Stapleford School, P. B. 75G Penhalonga.
Rusape Railway: Mrs. P. Mashonganyika, p, Vengere Govt. School,
 P. O. Box 197, Rusape.

MTOKO—NYADIRI DISTRICT

Chikwizo: Kaisi Nyamajiwa, Nyamatawa School, P. B. 530, Mtoko.
Dendera—Area C: Raphael Chimhanda, p, Masarakufa School,
 P. B. 508, Mtoko.
Mtoko East: Phares Kamupira, p, Kawere School, P. O. Box 82, Mtoko.
Mtoko North: Herbert Mtize, p, Nyamukoho School, P. O. Box 92, Mtoko.
Mtoko South: Samuel Makawa, p, Nyahondo School, P. O. Box 58, Mtoko.
Mtoko West: Muchayana Mutize, Chindenga School, P. O. Box 75, Mtoko.
Nyadiri United Methodist Centre: Denford Chimbanga, p, P. B. 636E.,
 Salisbury.
 Willas Makombe, p, P. B. 636E., Salisbury.
Nyadiri Circuit: Micah Dangarembga, Musanhi School, P. B. 636E., Sby.
Nyamuzuwe Centre & Circuit: Percy Masuka, p, Kawazwa School,
 P. O. Box 112, Mtoko.

SALISBURY—BULAWAYO DISTRICT

Bulawayo: Moses Matiashe, p, No. 7578/7 Tshabalala, Bulawayo.
Harare: Samuel Chimsoro, p, St. Paul Church, Chatima Rd., Harare.
Highfield: Elisha Musuka, p, No. 5865, P. O. Highfield.
Mabvuku: Gaylord Kambarami, p, Box 10002, P. O. Mabvuku.
 Rudo Muchineuta, p, Box 10002, P. O. Mabvuku.
Mangula: David Zhungu, p, Box 174, Mangula.
Marandellas: Elijah Mukuna, Dombotombo Township, Marandellas.

Midlands: James Makawa, p, Gwelo Training College, P. B. 9055, Gwelo.
Mufakose: David Mwadiwa, p, 312A, Dzivaresekwa, Mabelreign.

UMTALI SOUTH DISTRICT

Hilltop: Ephraim Matara, p, P. O. Box 3038, Paulington, Umtali.
Isaac Mapa, p, P. O. Box 3002, Paulington, Umtali.
Marange Central: Ernest Katsidzira, p, Matanda School, P. B. P7087, Umtali.
Marange North: Samson Chikafu, p, Mwandiambira School, P. B. P7084, Umtali.
Marange South: T. Dziwa, p, P. B. P7006, Umtali.
Marange West: Richard Munjoma, p, Mamwara Store, Box 103, Odzi.
Mutambara Centre: Matthew Mataranyika, p, P. O. Mutambara.
Silas Mashingaidze, p, P. O. Mutambara.
Mutambara East: Senjula Maringapasi, p, Chiramba School, P. O. Mutambara.
Mutambara West: Lloyd Munjoma, p, Chakohwa U. M. Church, P. B. C7314, Umtali.
Nyanyadzi: Timothy Chimberengwe, Hot Springs School, P. B. C7341, Umtali.
Zimunya North: Jeremiah Chitauro, p, Muradzikwa School, P. B. M7214, Umtali.
Zimunya South: Mrs. Felicia Rusero, Muromo School, P. B. C7324, Umtali.

DISTRICT LAYLEADERS

Mrewa District: Nason Kaseke, Chikuhwa School P. O. Box 33, Mrewa.
Mtasa/Makoni: Naboth Gandanzara, Gandanzara School, P.B. 8084, Rusape
Mtoko/Nyadiri: Timothy Gwati, Nyadiri U. M. Centre, P.B. 636E, Sby.
Salisbury/Bulawayo: Isaac Musamba, P.O. Box 3408, Salisbury.
Umtali South: Matthew Mataranyika, Mutambara High School, P. O. Mutambara.
Conference Lay Leader: Nason Kaseke, Chikuhwa School, Box 33, Mrewa.
Assistant Conference Lay Leader: W. Fambai Marima, Old Umtali United Methodist Centre, P. B. P7024, Umtali.

Part II

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

BOFAC MEMBERS

(Classes will be re-elected as their term expires, but alternates will serve for four years.)

CHAIRMAN: Bishop A. T. Muzorewa

SECRETARY: Dr. J. W. Zvomunondiita Kurewa

ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Rev. John F. Munjoma

Ministers (voting)

Class of 1976 — Rev. F. Kadenge, Rev. J. Gurure

Class of 1978 — Rev. J. Kawadza, Rev. K. Shamu

Alternates:

1. Rev. D. Mushapaidzi

2. Rev. N. Dikanifuwa

3. Rev. C. Mukasa

4. Rev. E. Jijita

Laymen (voting)

BOFAC MEMBERS (continued)

Class of 1976 — Mr. N. Chiwara, Mr. L. Mandizha

Class of 1978 — Mr. A. Chibanguza, Mr. J. Njagu

Alternates:

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| *1. Mr. A. Dangarembga | 2. Mr. C. Chikukwa |
| 3. Mr. P. Matsikenyiri | 4. Mr. G. Kambarami |

Laywomen (voting)

Class of 1976 — Mrs. S. Dangarembga, Mrs. S. Munjoma

Class of 1978 — Mrs. I. Chitsiku, Mrs. M. Mudzengerere

Alternates:

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| *1. Mrs. E. Sadza | 2. Mrs. A. Chikwanha |
| 3. Mrs. H. Mungate | 4. Mrs. E. Tsiga |

(* To attend all BOFAC meetings)

District Superintendents (voting)

Rev. J. Chidzikwe, Rev. T. L. Curtis, Rev. J. B. Jijita, Rev. Josiah Kurewa, Rev. L. Nyanungo.

District Lay Leader (voting)

Mutasa-Makoni (Mr. N. Gandanzara)

Umtali South (Mr. M. Mataranyika)

Mrewa (Mr. N. Kaseke)

Salisbury-Bulawayo (Mr. I. Musamba)

Mtoko-Nyadiri (Mr. T. Gwati)

Ex-Officio (non-voting)

Conference Lay-Leader: (Mr. N. C. G. Kaseke).

Admin. Assistant to the Bishop (Rev. K. Eriksson).

Field Treasurer (Mr. R. E. J. Chimonyo).

Assistant Field Treasurer (Mr. J. Shryock).

Conference Treasurer (Mr. I. Musamba, voting as District Lay Leader).

Auditor (Rev. F. Messenger).

Conference Building Inspector (Mr. J. Schevenius).

Education Secretary (Rev. A. Alvord).

Medical Secretary (Dr D. Rudy).

1. ORGANIZATION. As this is the beginning of the quadrennium you will find a listing of newly organized committees as well as other matters of organization.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES OF BOFAC

2. Committees: The following members of BOFAC were named to Committees. Please do note that the Chairman and Secretary are indicated.

A. AUDIT.

Mr. T. Gwati: Chairman

Rev. K. Shamu: Vice-Chairman

Rev. F. Messenger: Secretary

Mr. N. Gandanzara

Rev. J. Gurure

Mrs. M. Mudzengerere

B. BUDGET.

Mr. M. Mataranyika — Chairman
Mr. N. C. G. Kaseke — Vice-Chairman
Dr. J. W. Z. Kurewa — Secretary
Mr. R. L. Chimonyo
Rev. K. Eriksson
Rev. J. B. Jijita
Rev. J. Kurewa
Mr. W. Marima
Rev. J. F. Munjoma
Mr. I. Musamba
Rev. L. Nyanungo
Dr. D. Rudy
Mr. J. Shryock

C. BUILDING.

Rev. F. Kadenge — Chairman
Mr. J. Schevenius — Secretary
Rev. J. Chidzikwe
Mr. N. Chiwara
Rev. T. Curtis
Mrs. S. Munjoma

D. SCHOLARSHIP.

Mr. A. Chibanguza — Chairman
Mr. J. Njagu — Vice-Chairman
Rev. A. Alvord — Secretary
Mrs. I. Chitsiku
Mrs. A. Dangarembga
Rev. J. Kawadza
Mr. L. Mandizha

3. VICE-CHAIRMAN

Rev. T. L. Curtis was re-elected

4. ADDITIONAL VOTING MEMBERS. In order to equalize the number of Laymen and Ministers voting, Conference agreed that the five District Superintendents would become voting members.

5. DISTRICT LAY LEADERS' VOTE. In the event of absence of any of these Lay Leaders, the respective Assistant District Lay Leader will be asked to attend in his absence. As soon as possible BOFAC Secretary should be informed of the name and address of the Assistant District Lay Leader in each District. However, the responsibility for inviting the Assistant will be up to the Lay Leader himself

6. ALTERNATES. The first alternate is expected to attend all meetings of BOFAC. In this way he will be familiar with actions and will be on hand in the event of an unexpected absence. If a principal member is absent, he will become a voting member of that session.

7. ABSENCE OF PRINCIPAL. If any voting member of BOFAC cannot attend the session, he must inform the Secretary, (J. W. Z. Kurewa) who will invite the next alternate to attend in his absence. This is necessary as alternates have been elected by number (i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4.) and

they will be asked in this order. (Example: If a Principal is absent, the first alternate, who is already expected to attend, will become the Principal at that session. Then the second alternate will be invited as a non-voting member. This should ensure a full BOFAC at all times.)

8. **VOTING MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES.** Only persons assigned permanently to that Committee may vote. Alternates will be placed on Committees depending upon whom they are sitting for. However, they will not be voting members of the Committee, but may speak on any matter in that particular Committee.

9. **BOFAC NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:** The following members were appointed by the Chairman.

Mrs. I. Chitsiku

Mr. A. Chibanguza

Mr. W. Marima

Rev. J. W. Kurewa

Rev. F. Kadenge

A. First Group

1. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Chairperson—Nisbert Dziwa, Secretary—Julius J. H. Tsiga

Thomas Mvenge, Amon Kajese, Davidson Mushapaidzi, Emerson Mugandani, Mildred Taylor, Elijah Mukarakate, Wilson Mapa, Annual Matambanadzo, Julius Tsiga, Willas Makunike, Ruth Matzigkeit, Lloyd Munjoma, Elisha Kuwana, Kenneth Mapira, Ernest Mupfunya, Jairus Masenda, Peter Mudiwa, Nisbert Dziwa, Wilson Mawanga, Mattie Muparutsa, Ellen Miller, Deborah Chimonyo, Alfred Katsande, Stanford Chihwai, Josiah Makande, Elliot Jijita, Lazarus Kasiyamhuru, Kenneth Choto, John Ranga, Avis Chikwanha, Lamech Zhungu, Ruth Shryock, Martha Mukangara, Stanley Mataranyika, Kaiboni Nkomo, Felicia Rusero, Isaac Mawokomatanda, Samuel Mandisodza, Zachariah Mukurazhizha, Elijah Chimbganda, Samuel Mukombiwa, Johnstone Gurure, Morgan Johnson, Webster Mutamba, Elijah Mukuna, Edward Chapata, Stanford Chingoma, Rudo Muchineuta, Elias Nhamoinesu Mumbiro.

2. BOARD OF EDUCATION: (Members listed by Act of Conference)

(Chairperson — Josiah Njagu, Secretary — Irene Chitsiku)

One D.S., Josiah Chidzikwe; Three Ministers — Kenneth Shamu, Zebediah Marewangapo, Alfred Katsande; Two School Managers — David Sithole, Rodwell Kambarami; Six heads of Post Primary Schools — Sunnyside Headmistress, Josiah Njagu, Amon Dangarembga, Alec Chibanguza, Dr. Gail Hoover, C. Chikukwa; Two Mission Land Primary heads — Nyakatsapa and Dindi; Two women — Ruth Shryock, Erica Maenzanise; Five members at large—Education Secretary, Milton Kalso, Silas Mashingaidze, Everett Matzigkeit, Jonathan Mukurazhizha.

ALTERNATES: D.S. — Josiah Kurewa; Minister — Johnstone Gurure; School Manager — Kenneth Murisa; Central Primary heads — Chikwizo, Glenada; Women — Susan Dangarembga, Emilie Roberts; Members at large — Ruth Schevenius, Timothy Gwati, James Makawa.

3. WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Ben Jambga—Chairperson, Lancelot Dikito—Secretary, Stanford Chihwai, Patricia Karimanzira, Kenneth Mapira, Wilson Mazaiwana, Lazarus

Mandizha, Martin Chiza, Julius Tsiga, Ephraim Matara, David Mara, John Mutimbanyoka, Patrick Matsikenyiri, Verna Culver, Fanuel Kadenge, Peter Mudiwa, Lovemore Nyanungo, Kenneth Shamu, Edith Samudzimu, Thomas Mvenge, Ruth Matzigkeit, Zachariah Manditsera, James Kufakunesu, David Ngarize, Senjula Maringapasi, Josiah Makande, Jairus Masenda, Bennett Chidawanyika, David Zhungu, Amon Kajese, Isaiah Muedzwa, Phebe Mashonganyika, Caleb Mwadiwa, Christopher Mvere, Joyce Matiza, John F. Munjoma.

4. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:

Alec Chibanguza — Chairperson, Patrick Matsikenyiri — Secretary, Morgan Johnson, Matthew Mataranyika, Elliot Jijita, Lazarus Mandizha, William Marima.

5. METHODIST RURAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT:

All land agents (3); Three representatives of local Agriculture Committees — Mutambara, Nyadiri, Old Umtali; Field Treasurer; two representatives from BOFAC; Chairperson from the Farm Executive Committees at Arnoldine and Nyakatsapa; Five members at large elected by Conference including two persons active in Rural Women's Work — Mrs. Jonah Chitombo, Jeremiah Chitauo, Tudor Roberts, William Marima, Dorothy Bisby, Arthur Mansure, MajStina Blomquist.

N.B. Committee for the North: William Finster, D.S. Mtoko, D.S. Mrewa. Denford Chimbanda, J. Choto, E. Tobani.

B. Second Group

1. BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES:

Nason Kaseke — Chairperson, Lazarus Mandizha — Secretary, Stanford Chihwai, Lloyd Munjoma, Newton Chiwara, John Ranga, James Makawa, Jane Makawa, Matthew Mataranyika, Naboth Gandanzara, Timothy Gwati, Baxton Chikoore, Isaac Musamba, Titus Chitanda, Felicia Rusero, Samuel Mandisodza, Zachariah Mukurazhizha, Alec Chibanguza, Willas Makombe, Silas Mashingaidze, Samuel Mukombiwa, Patrick Nyamubaya, Ruth Shryock, Isaac Mapa, Ephraim Matara, Avis Chikwanha, John Mutimbanyoka, Abisha Tsakatsa, David Zhungu, Stanley Mataranyika, Zachariah Manditsera, Samson Chikafu, Samuel Chimusoro, Kingston Kahlari, Timothy Chimberengwa, Micah Dangarembga, Isaiah Muedzwa, Joyce Matiza, Richard Rombedza.

2. MEMOIRS:

Wilson Mawanga — Chairperson, Esther Finster — Secretary, Samuel Munjoma, Ruth Matzigkeit, Nason Madzinga, Tafadzwa Nderere, Mattie Muparutsa, Elia Chitiyo.

3. BOARD OF MINISTRY: (appointed by the Bishop)

Josiah Kurewa — Chairperson, Joseph Bisby — Secretary, Marcia Ball, Zvomunondiita Kurewa, Jonah Kawadza, Martin Chiza, Maurice Culver, Tafadzwa Nderere, Fanuel Kadenge, Lovemore Nyanungo, Thomas Curtis, Kare Eriksson.

ALTERNATES: Alec Alvord, Johnstone Gurure.

4. COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS:

Webster Mutamba — Chairperson, Morgan Johnson — Secretary,

Lancelot Dikito, Lovemore Nyanungo, Elijah Chimbanga, Kenneth Choto, Matthew Mataranyika, Julius Tsiga, Thomas Curtis, Everett Matzigkeit, Johnstone Gurure, Fanuel Kadenge, Naboth Gandanzara, Market Square Bookroom Manager, Umbowo Editor, Press Manager, Asta Eriksson, Nason Dikanifuwa, Raphael Chimhanda, Harriet Mungate, Director of Archives, Samson Nyakuengama, Frank Messenger, David Hodzi, Lamech Zhungu, Obert Mhere.

5. STUDENT LOAN FUND:

Newton Chiwara — Chairperson, Willas Makombe — Secretary, Titus Chitanda, Rudolph Matongo, Silas Mashingaidze, Samuel Muzulu, Samuel Mukombiwa, Martha Mukangara, Milton Kalso, John Mutimbanyoka, Caleb Mukasa, Abisha Tsakatsa, Samuel Nduna, Gaylord Kambarami, Wilson Mazaiwana, Philemon Chimhanda, Jairus Masenda, Lloyd Munjoma, Pitcain Karimanzira, Nason Chigubu, Baxton Chikoore, Wilson Mapa, Sandah Sanganza, Edward Chapata, Annual Matambanadzo, Jeremiah Chitauro, Solomon Zuze, Morgan Muchanyereyi, Eliah Chikodzi, Nason Muburiri, samson Chikafu, Timothy Chimberengwe, Senjula Maringapasi, Isaiah Mvedzwa, Micah Dangarembga, Chrispen Mukusha, Zachariah Manditsera, Samuel Makawa, Ted DeWolf, Denford Chimbanga, Stanford Chingoma, Herbert Mutize.

C. Third Group:

1. CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS:

Gaylord Kambarami — Chairperson, Sandah Sanganza — Secretary, Samuel Matimba, Jonathan Maramba, Naboth Gandanzara, H. Ruwende, Morgan Muchanyereyi, Nason Dikanifuwa, Eliah Chitiyo, Phares Kamupira, Philemon Chimhanda, Elijah Chimbanga, Lazarus Mandizha, Jane Makawa, Isaiah Kapfunde, Alfred Katsande, Lazarus Kasiyamhuru, Kaiboni Nkomo, Isaac Mawokomatanda, Peter B. Mudiwa, Samuel Mandisodza, Zachariah Mukurazhizha, Willas Makombe, Elliot Musumhi, Arthur Kano-nuhwa, Davidson Chikosi, Ptarick Nyamubaya, Samuel Mukangara, Avis Chikwanha, Willie Marara, Webster Mutamba, Tafadzwa Nderere, Patrick Majora, Ernest Mupfunya, Deborah Chimonyo, Isaac Mukarakate, Isaac Mapa, Rudo Muchineuta, Herbert Mutize, Elias Nhamoinesu Mumbiro, Ted DeWolf, John F. Munjoma.

2. DEACONESS:

Rosemary Chidzikwe — Chairperson, Dorcas Chinofukutwa — Secretary, Janet Choto, Margaret Curtis, Maj-Stina Blomquist, Ennet Jijita, Nason Madzinga, Martha Mudzengerere, Edith Samudzimu, Martha Mukangara, Ruth Matzigkeit, Ellen Miller, Jonah Kawadza, Shirley DeWolf.

3. HISTORICAL:

Amon Dangarembga — Chairperson, Caleb Mukasa — Secretary, Milton Kalso, Kenneth Choto, Lennart Blomquist, Elliot Jijita, Wilson Mawanga, Lazarus Mandizha, Joseph Bisby, Pitcain Karimanzira, Julius Tsiga, Director of Archives.

4. RESOLUTIONS:

Isaac Mawokomatanda—Chairperson, Nisbert Dziwa—Secretary, Dorcas Chinofukutwa, Philemon Gurupira, Lazarus Kasiyamhuru, Samuel Makawa, Daniel Makuto.

5. MEDICAL ACTIVITIES: (Membership limited by Conference)

Executive Secretary, Medical Superintendent — Mutambara, Nyadiri Doctor, Matrons or Nurse-in-Charge of all three Hospital units, Nyadiri Hospital Accountant, District Superintendents, Dentist—Margaret Nelvig, Director of Nyadiri Medical Assistants Training School—and Ten members at large: Naomi Kuture, Lloyd Munjoma, Winnie Musumhi, Susan Danga-rembga, Silas Mashingaidze, Nason Kaseke, Stanley Mataranyika, Isaac Musamba, Samson Nyakuengama, Emilie Roberts, (Edith Samudzimu, Kenneth Shamu—Alternates)

6. BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Class of 1975:	Conference Treasurer	Land Agent North
	Mr. A. Dangarembga	Mr. J. Makawa (Alternate)
Class of 1976:	Rev. J. B. Jijita	Rev. K. Eriksson
	Mr. W. Marima	Rev. S. Nduna (Alternate)
Class of 1977:	Field Treasurer	Rev. P. Nyamukapa
	Land Agent South (1)	Mr. G. Kambarami (Alternate)
Class of 1978:	Conference Secretary	Mr. A. Chibanguza
	Land Agent South (2)	Mr. T. Roberts (Alternate)

D. Fourth Group:

1. NGARIENDE:

Martin Chiza — Chairperson, Rev. Peter B. T. Mudiwa — Secretary Baxton Chikoore, Solomon Zuze, Deborah Chimonyo, Ernest Mupfunya, David Ngarize, William Marima, Kenneth Mhandu, Wilson Mawanga, Mattie Muparutsa, Morgan Muchanyereyi, Nisbert Dziwa, Lloyd Munjoma, Eliah Chikodzi, Noah Kapfumha, Alfred Katsande, Elliot Jijita, John Ranga, Matthew Mataranyika, Samuel Mandisodza, Rudolph Matongo, Arthur Kanonuhwa, Marshall Murphree, Ephraim Matara, Abisha Tsakatsa, Patron Nyamukapa, Samuel Muzulu, Samuel Mukombiwa, Fanuel Kadenge, John Schevenius, Zebediah Mwarewangepo, Felicia Rusero, Josiah Makande, David Mudzengerere, Nason Madzinga, Annual Matambanadzo, Samuel Munjoma, Philemon Chimhanda, Thomas Mvenge, Wilson Mapa, Bernard Chidavaenzi, Isaac Mukarakate, Trabition Dziwa, Samson Nyakuengama, Samson Chikafu, Samuel Chimusoro, Lazarus Kasiyamhuru, Kingston Kahlari, Timothy Chimberengwa, Micah Dangarembga, Isaiah Mvedzwa, Chrispen Mukusha, Jonah Kaundikidza, Senjula Maringapasi, Bennett Chidawanyika, Samuel Makawa, Evison Mutanga, Jonah Kawadza.

2. PENSIONS AND CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS: (4 classes)

Class of 1975 — Rev. Peter B. Mudiwa, Rudolph Matongo, Samuel Muzulu; Alternates: Samuel Nduna, Franks Messenger.

Class of 1976 — Trabition Dziwa, Caleb Mukasa, Josiah Njagu; Alternates: Samuel Munjoma, Phares Kamupira.

Class of 1977—Kare Eriksson, Alec Alvord, William Finster, Alternates: Nason Chigubu, Tudor Roberts.

Class of 1978—Samuel Mukangara, Kenneth Shamu, Ben Jambga. Alternates: Morgan Muchanyereyi, Gaylord Kambarami.

Ex-Officio members: Field Treasurer, Conference Treasurer.

3. ECUMENICAL RELATIONS:

Maurice Culver—Acting Chairperson, Irene Chitsiku—Acting Secretary, Kaiboni Nkomo, Martin Chiza, Patron Nyamukapa, James Makawa, Harriet

Mangate, Amon Dangarembga, Kare Eriksson, Patrick Matsikenyiri, Josiah Chidzikwe, Fanuel Kadenge, Joseph Bisby, Kenneth Choto, David Mudzengerere, Ruth Shryock, Lovemore Nyanungo, Mattie Muparutsa, Sandah Sanganza, Thomas Curtis, Lazarus Mandizha.

4. BOARD OF URBAN MINISTRIES

Marcia Ball—Chairperson, Tafadzwa Nderere—Secretary, All Salisbury/Bulawayo Ministers; Sakubva Christian Centre Director; Salisbury/Bulawayo District Lay Leader and District U.M.Y.F. President; Dorcas Chinofukutwa, Verna Culver, Pat Fulmer, Davidson Samukange, Rena Dikanifuwa, David Hodzi, Lancelot Dikito, Frank Messenger, Sue Messenger.

Other Conference Committees

TASK FORCE:

William Marima, Matthew Mataranyika, Charles Miller.

AFRICAN GIRLS' HOSTEL (UMTALI):

Umtali South District Superintendent, Pastor — Hilltop, Directoress of the Hostel, Director of girls, 2 girls (elected from and by the girls themselves).

CHRISTIAN CENTRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Ted DeWolf, Norma Malianga, Eben Kawadza, 3 members chosen by Miller Memorial Official Board.

CALENDAR COMMITTEE:

James Makawa, Ruth Matzigkeit, Jonathan Maramba.

COMMITTEE ON TRAINING LAYMEN:

Verna Culver, Elliot Jijita, Martin Chiza, Edith Samudzimu, Matthew Mataranyika.

CREDIT UNION:

Everett Matzigkeit, Arthur Kanonuhwa, Davidson Chikosi, Charles Miller, William Finster, Denford Chimbanga, John Schevenius, Jeremiah Chitauro.

MINISTRY TO WOMEN:

Ellen Miller — Chairperson, Jane Makawa — Secretary, Alec Chibanguza, Janet Choto, Lois Chikosi, Verna Culver, Susan Dangarembga, Asta Eriksson, Dorcas Chinofukutwa, Rudo Kapenzi, Martha Mudzengerere, Lydia Zimonte, Martha Mukangara, Margaret Curtis, Mattie Muparutsa, Dorothy Alvord, Sue Messenger, Phebe Mashonganyika, Avis Chikwanha, Felicia Rusero, Shirley DeWolf.

MINIMUM SALARY:

Fanuel Kadenge, Davidson Mushapaidze, Samuel Munjoma, Tafadzwa Nderere. (Alternates: Willas Makunike, Davidson Chikosi).

SHONA LANGUAGE COMMITTEE:

Elisha Kuwana — Chairperson, Morgan Muchanyereyi — Secretary, D.S. Mutasa-Makoni District, Morgan Johnson, Josiah Makande, Jairus

Masenda, Matthew Mataranyika, Rudolph Matongo, Martha Mudzengerere, Ferris Munjoma, Anna Morford, Sue Messenger, Verna Culver.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

Willas Makunike — Chairperson, Jonathan Maramba — Secretary, Everett Matzigkeit, Stanley Mataranyika, Isaac Musamba, Lovemore Nyanungo, John Schevenius, Nason Kaseke, Lydia Zimonte, Elliot Jijita, Mildred Taylor, Peter K. Mudiwa, Elijah Chimbanga, Elisha Kuwana, Samuel Muzulu, Isaac Mapa, Patrick Nyamubaya, Nason Chigubu, Rev. Peter B. Mudiwa, Nason Muburiri, Caleb Mwadiwa, Kaisi Nyamajiwa, Micah Dangarembga.

Part III

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION — MONDAY

December 30, 1974—2: 00 p.m.

1. *Opening of Conference:* The ninth session of the Rhodesia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church was declared open by Bishop Abel Tendekayi Muzorewa.

Opening Worship

Mutambara Choir

Hymn 315 — Tiri Pano Pamwe Tese

Chitendo che Vapostori

Prayer — Bishop Wayne K. Clymer

Mutambara Choir

Welcome — Rev. John B. Jijita, District Superintendent Umtali South District, and Rev. Martin Chiza, host pastor.

Response — Bishop Muzorewa.

2. *Roll Call:* The roll was called by Elliot Musumhi, Conference Secretary, and Marcia Ball Assistant Secretary. Apologies were received from Revs. Patrick Machiri, Fanuel Kadenge, Zvomunondiita Kurewa, Hosea Katsidzira, Marshall Murphree.

3. *Greetings:* Bishop Wayne K. Clymer and Mrs. Clymer were introduced by Maurice Culver. The Bishop responded with greetings to the Conference from the Council of Bishops, the Minnesota Annual Conference, Senator Humphrey and Congressman Fraser.

4. *Returned Students and Missionaries:* Bishop Muzorewa welcomed back: Rev. and Mrs. Jonah Kawadza, Rev. John Munjoma, Mr. and Mrs. Ted DeWolf, and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Matzigkeit.

5. *Presentation of the Conference Programme:* This was presented by the Conference Secretary and was accepted after corrections.

6. *District Superintendents' Tenure:* Bishop read pertinent

paragraphs from the Africa Discipline regarding the length of time of District Superintendents' service. It is limited to six years during a decade, but may be extended two years by a two-thirds majority vote of the Annual Conference, according to the Official Journal of the Africa Central Conference, 1960, p. 59, item 4. The vote was unanimous to extend the service of Thomas Curtis for one year.

7. *Conference Secretary*: Since Elliot Musumhi has been promoted to become a schools inspector, he felt it necessary to resign as Secretary of the Annual Conference. Zvomunondiita Kurewa was elected Conference Secretary in the place of Mr. Musumhi. John Munjoma was elected as Conference Secretary for this session of the Annual Conference only, and Joseph Bisby and Alec Chibanguza were elected assistants.

8. *Bar of the Conference*: The bar of the conference will be the main section of the church. Non-voters were asked to occupy the pews in the west wing of the church.

OPENING COMMUNION — MONDAY

December 30, 1974—7:30 p.m.

Bishop Muzorewa, Bishop Clymer, the Administrative Assistant, the District Superintendents and the host pastor, Rev. Martin Chiza, led the service. Special music was provided by the Zimunya Choral Group. The Communion meditation given by Rev. Kare Eriksson was based on Christ's words "This Do In Remembrance of Me." He emphasized that Christ must be the centre of our worship. Though we be unworthy, Christ's sacrifice makes us whole. We come to His table together on His invitation and in His name.

DEVOTIONS—WEDNESDAY

January 1, 1975—8:00 a.m.

Elliot Jijita presided and read Rev. 7:9-17 and 21:1-5. Rev. Samuel Mujoma and David Mudzengerere led in prayer. A quartet sang two numbers. Bishop Muzorewa preached on "Behold, I make everything new." When John saw his vision he felt an inner pain which comes to all of us. In the time of change we are going through, our people need the message of change according to the Will of God.

The New Jerusalem was a change in the hearts of the people when they lived under God's rule. It is our duty to bring in this "New Jerusalem" in our conference, church and country. We have to be free first. Watch out for tribalism, the enemy of the New Jerusalem.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION—WEDNESDAY

January 1, 1975—9: 00 a.m.

9. Greetings: The Secretary read greetings from: Mbuya Murphree, Mr. and Mrs. Dickson Mungazi, Rev. Patrick Machiri, Rev. Fannuel Kadenge, Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Makunike, Dr. Zvomunondiita Kurewa, Dr. Marshall and Dr. Betty Jo Murphree, Rev. Hosea Katsidzira, Rev. and Mrs. Ovid Stine, Dr. and Mrs. Norman Thomas.

10. *Privilege of the Floor*: Bishop read the list again as follows: (Journal, 1971, p. 30)

1. Heads of Schools.
2. Executive Secretary of Education.
3. Medical Secretary, Hospital Superintendents.
4. Conference Presidents of RRW, UMMC, UMYF.
5. Lay Missionaries.
6. Final Year Theological Students.
7. Directors of Conference Extension Programmes.
8. Ex-officio members of BOFAC.
9. District Superintendents' wives and the wife of the Bishop.
10. Director of Communications.
11. Approved Supply Pastors.
12. Officially approved fraternal delegates.
13. Christian Education Workers.
14. District Lay Leaders.
15. Deaconesses.

Bishop explained that Bishop Clymer had the privilege of the floor without vote. The question of the Evangelists voting was referred to the Board of Ministry. (See item 27, Daily Proceedings.)

11. *District Superintendents' Report*: The report was read by Joseph Bisby. The question of raising local funds for medical work was referred to the Board of Medical Activities. The question of a northern section "Butchershop in the Backyard" was referred to MRID with instructions to report back to this session of the Annual Conference. Maurice Culver moved and conference accepted the report with appreciation to the five District Superintendents.

12. *Back Salaries of Ministers*: John Nderere moved and Conference voted favourably that up to 30% of the conference assessments can be set aside as a loan to weak circuits to pay back salaries of ministers. Circuits using the loan are required to repay this money.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION—WEDNESDAY

January 1, 1975—10: 30 a.m.

13. *Deaconess Report*: This report was read by Martha Mudzengerere. After discussion the report was accepted.

MID-DAY DEVOTIONS

The service included the Chiramba quartet, Hymn 284, prayer by Rev. Chitombo, and a musical saw solo by Rev. Bisby accompanied by Rev. Marcia Ball. Bishop Clymer presented a lovely black walnut carved cross to Bishop Muzorewa as a sign of affection. Rev. Nderere read II Corinthians 1: 1-12. Bishop Clymer announced his theme for devotions as "We do not lose heart." He stressed that we: preach freedom to serve God, preach Christ and His Word drawing us, preach the cost of carrying a cross, and preach God at work beyond us. So we do not lose heart and we come to behold the face of God.

FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION—WEDNESDAY

January 1, 1975—2: 00 p.m.

14. *Christian Education*: Julius Tsiga read the report. The matters of the lack of pastoral care and failing to send delegates were referred to the circuits. Josiah Kurewa moved and Conference accepted that the Christian Education committee plan material and suggest resource persons on Sex Education for youth. The report was accepted.

FIFTH BUSINESS SESSION—WEDNESDAY

January 1, 1975—4: 00 p.m.

15. *Student Loan*: Willas Makombe read the report. After discussion the report was received with the addition that 3rd and 4th year ministerial students might also apply for loans.

16. *Nominations*: The report was read by Patrick Matsikenyiri. It was accepted.

17. *Ngariende*: The report was read by Martin Chiza. An additional report is to be presented later in Conference. The present report was accepted.

18. *Constitution*: Kare Eriksson explained the state of the Constitution. Last Year's vote on the Constitution was illegal according to its own terms. We need a new Board of Trustees of two classes to act during 1975. The annual conference adopted the name "The Rhodesia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church" by more than a two-thirds vote.

SIXTH BUSINESS SESSION—WEDNESDAY

January 1, 1975—7: 30 p.m.

19. *Board of Education*: The report was read by Irene Chitsiku. After thorough discussion the report was accepted. Supple-

mentary report was given by Everett Matzkeit concerning the progress of the Kubatana Technical School near Glen Norah.

20. *Evening Adjournment*: It was agreed to end conference sessions at 9:30 p.m. nightly.

21. *Appointments*: Thomas Curtis raised the issue of January salaries for pastors moving to new circuits, and when the date of moving should be. This matter was referred to the ministers' meeting. Bishop Muzorewa read the appointments following his taking a few minutes in giving a word of appreciation to Joseph Bisby for his willingness to leave his position of D.S. to go back into teaching.

DEVOTIONS—THURSDAY

January 2, 1975—8:00 a.m.

The worship service was conducted by Matthew Mataranyika. Rev. Kajese offered prayer. Special music was given by the Zimunya Choral group. From the Good Samaritan story (Luke 10:25-37) Rev. J. Kurewa preached on "Who is my Neighbour?" The church gets questions from people outside it. Do the answers it gives show that it understands the questions? Independence is coming at 70 M.P.H. Is the Church preparing for this?

SEVENTH BUSINESS SESSION—THURSDAY

January 2, 1975—8:45 a.m.

22. *M.R.I.D.*: The report was read by Maxwell Chambara. Conference instructed Mutambara to rewrite their report. The one presented is incomplete and therefore meaningless and is deleted. The matter of all farm equipment — especially tractors — their use, repair and replacement at Dendera and Nyadiri is referred to BOFAC for clarification.

It is passed that MRID sub-committees North and South should be chosen by their respective districts and not on the Conference floor. The results of these elections should be reported later in this conference session. The report was accepted.

EIGHTH BUSINESS SESSION—THURSDAY

January 2, 1975—10:45 a.m.

23. *Medical Activities*: Dr. Rudy read the report. Conference passed that ministers should not pay for their admission, bed fees, food nor doctor's fee for themselves and their immediate family, unless seen as private patients. They are expected to pay for any expensive medicines.

24. *Welcome*: Bishop called upon Rev. Chiza to welcome Mambo Zimunya. His spokesman responded and presented Conference with three dollars. Mambo Mutambara was introduc-

ed and after greeting the Conference extended his special greetings to Rev. Eriksson. He presented the Conference with four dollars. The host D.S., Rev. J. Jijita responded to the two Chiefs and Bishop Muzorewa added his words of greeting and thanks.

Bishop also greeted Revs. J. Jabangwe and A. T. Kanodereka, fraternal delegates from the Methodist Church in Rhodesia.

MID-DAY DEVOTIONS

January 2, 1975.

After the Mutambara Choir sang, Rev. Jackson Rugayo led Conference in prayer. Rev. D. Muzorewa read the scripture passage from Col. 1: 15-23. Bishop Clymer continued his theme, "We Never Lose Heart." He described modern men as he saw them at O'Hare Airport, Chicago, Illinois. Then he remembered he had a New Testament entitled "Good News for Modern Man." What is the Good News? It is that God has made you his friend. (Col. 1: 21) Man is so small in time and the Universe, yet God is his friend. A friend cares, loves, shares. God is your personal friend but also He unites you with all for whom Christ died. There is a story by Dostoevsky of a wicked woman in Hell who once gave an onion to a beggar. God told her guardian angel that he could pull her out of hell with an onion. Others also tried to get the onion, but the woman said, "It's only for me." The onion, however, was not strong enough to bear her weight and it broke, dropping the woman back into Hell. As God is your friend, you must also be a friend to all for whom Christ died.

NINTH BUSINESS SESSION—THURSDAY

January 2, 1975—2:00 p.m.

25. *Historical Committee*: This report was read by Caleb Mkasa. It was accepted as read.

26. *Medical Activities* (Continued): Discussion on the report was re-opened. After questions and discussion it was received.

27. *Board of the Ministry*: Joseph Bisby presented the candidates for probationary and full membership. Bishop called for their acceptance vote, and the full ministerial members voted unanimously to receive them. After prayer by Bishop Clymer, Bishop Muzorewa received Eben Nhiwatiwa, Shirley DeWolf, and Elias Mumbiro as probationary members of the Conference. After receiving the vote on those received into full connection, Bishop Muzorewa prayed.

Rev. Eriksson explained what the Discipline says concerning voting by those whom we call "Supply Pastors." He then moved that "Approved Supply Pastors who are in charge of circuits and

who have been ordained deacons, may be seated and have the right to vote at this 1975 session of conference. This matter should be studied by the committee set up to revise the Central Conference Discipline and be brought back to next Annual Conference for approval and referral to Central Conference." The motion was seconded and then accepted by Conference. (Note: This vote is NOT on Constitutional matters or matters referable to Central or General Conference.)

28. *Shona Language*: The report was read by Morgan Muchanyerei and was accepted by Conference.

TENTH BUSINESS SESSION—THURSDAY

January 2, 1975—4:00 p.m.

29. *Stewardship*: Charles Miller read the report and presented charts on Pledging and Harvest Sunday. The report was accepted with gratitude.

30. *Worship and Music*: Lancelot Dikito read the report. It was accepted after discussion.

31. *Disciplinary Questions par. 8-24*: These questions were asked by Bishop Muzorewa and answered by Joseph Bisby. Conference voted to extend the period of supernumerary status for the necessary three months period after which, if there is no response, Geoffrey Kapenzi should be involuntarily located. This recommendation carried by more than the necessary two-thirds ballot vote.

32. *Board of Lay Activities*: The report was read by Raphael Chimhanda, but was set aside temporarily.

33. *Passport*: Conference was suspended while Rev. Thomas Curtis introduced Mr. William Marima who, accompanied by cheers, clapping and the singing of "Pamberi Masoja," presented Bishop Muzorewa with his passport which was returned by government after 2½ years. Bishop Muzorewa asked that Rev. Eriksson, Mrs. Sarah Munjoma of the R. R. W. and Mr. Peter Mudiwa of M. U. M. C. come forward and lead in prayers of thanksgiving on this occasion. During the prayer of thanksgiving to God, the traditional clapping for the highest "Mambo" of all was given, and one verse of "Blest be the Tie" was sung. (The restriction from entering the T. T. L.'s placed in 1971 was lifted from Bishop Muzorewa last month.)

34. *Board of Lay Activities (continued)*: Conference agreed that the committee called for on "Kuchata Muchechi" will be the committee already at work under Zvomunondiita Kurewa studying African culture. In order to have ladies on the committee, it was voted to include Jane Makawa and Verna Culver as additional members.

The Board of Lay Activities report was accepted.

35. *Lay Leader*: A ballot was taken for the election of the Conference lay leader. Nason Kaseke was elected lay leader and William Marima was elected assistant.

Greetings Bishop greeted and introduced Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes Chimonyo to the Conference and offered them an opportunity to speak briefly.

DEVOTIONS—FRIDAY

January 3, 1975—8:00 a.m.

The Zimunya Choral group sang, Rev. Chikodzi led in prayer and Hymn 286 was sung before reading Ephesians 2:1-22.

Rev. Josiah Kurewa preached on the Church, its weaknesses. He pointed out that the greatest weakness of the Church was to set burdensome rules on its followers. Jesus, he said, saved mankind from the chains of regulations. Jesus stressed the way a man treats his fellowman. If one is hungry or naked one cannot say, "This has nothing to do with me!"

We are not saved because we are holy, but because of God's mercy.

ELEVENTH BUSINESS SESSION—FRIDAY

January 3, 1975—8:45 a.m.

37. *Lay Leader's Report*: William Fambai Marima gave his report which was accepted by conference. The budget balance of \$1108,20 and assessments for 1975 were both referred to the Board of Lay Activities Executive for action and are to be reported back to this session of the Conference.

38. *Board of Trustees*: Maxwell Chambara read the report and it was accepted.

TWELFTH BUSINESS SESSION—FRIDAY

January 3, 1975—10:40 a.m.

39. *Proposed New Salary Scale*: Alec Alvord read the report, which after discussion was accepted. Kare Eriksson proposed a rising vote of thanks be given to W. Fambai Marima and Board of Lay Activities for the work they had done during the past years toward improving the salaries being received by our ministers, and the acceptance of responsibility by the laity of the church.

40. *Conference Treasurer's Report*: Isaac Musamba read his report. After questions during the course of reading, and discussion, the balance of the report was read and the entire report accepted with thanks.

41. *Fraternal Delegates*: Bishop invited the Fraternal Dele-

gates from the Methodist Church in Rhodesia to address the Conference before they had to leave.

MID-DAY DEVOTIONS—FRIDAY

January 3, 1975

A trio composed of Mr. Reginald Chikanyambidze, Rev. Bisby and Rev. Ball played special music on piano, saw and drum respectively. Rev. Mudzengerere read Phil. 1: 1-11 and Bishop Clymer continued his theme for the week.

He pointed out the Paul prayed for the Philippians that they have fellowship, knowledge and purity. Their first 3 members represented the diversity of the 1st Century Church: Lydia, a wealthy Jewish-Greek professional woman; the jailer, a government employee and Roman worshipping many gods at first; the slave girl, a poor barbarian. Yet Paul prayed for fellowship.

Love is not enough by itself, but must be accompanied by knowledge and purity. Otherwise love is dangerous. May the Prayer of the Apostle Paul find its answer in us.

THIRTEENTH BUSINESS SESSION—FRIDAY

January 3, 1975—2:00 p.m.

42. *Board of Communications*: The report was read by Morgan Johnson. At this time Mr. Cornelius Watyoka, General Secretary, Rhodesian Christian Council, was presented to the Conference. Conference agreed to join together with the council in making Umbowo an Ecumenical newspaper of the Christian Council with the requirement that the name and the present editorial policy of the paper be retained. Two negative votes were cast: Rev. K. Mhandu and Mr. Mudehwe, lay delegates from the Nyakatsapa circuit. It was also voted to put the Bookroom under the Council if this can be worked out.

FOURTEENTH BUSINESS SESSION—FRIDAY

January 3, 1975—4:00 p.m.

43. *Rukwadzano Rwe Wadzimai*: Before the reading of the report, Mrs. Clymer was received into the membership of the RRW. The report was read by Mrs. Lois Chikosi and was accepted by Conference.

44. *Greeting*: Bishop recognised the contribution of Mrs. Eleanora Hamilton, from Alabama, who has given one term of school service to Nyamuzuwe in the place of Mildred Taylor. Mrs. Hamilton was given an opportunity to address the Conference briefly.

45. *Board of Communications, continued*: Conference agreed that the Central Mission Press, Johannesburg be liquidated. The

matter of the Press Manager's travel was referred to BOFAC.

46. *Ngariende (Supplementary Report)*: Rev. P. Mudiwa read this supplementary report. (See Daily Proceedings No. 17). The matter of Chikwizo fencing was referred back to Ngariende.

47. *Board of Pensions and Conference Claimants*: Josiah Njagu read the report and it was accepted.

48. *Wabvuwi South*: Peter K. Mudiwa demonstrated the new Wabvuwi badge. Silas Mashingaidze read the report. It was accepted.

FIFTEENTH BUSINESS SESSION—FRIDAY

January 3, 1975—7: 30 p.m.

49. *Memoirs*: Rev. Chiza spoke of the life of Dorothy Muzorewa, Mrs. Culver spoke of Mrs. John R. Gates and Rev. Nderere spoke of Dr. Harry Evans. Three candles were lit for these friends who have died. Mrs. Matzigkeit read the report which was then accepted by the Conference.

50. *Board of Urban Ministries*: To introduce some of the problems of the Church in our cities, a skit was presented in which the crowded conditions, the problems in time scheduling with other congregations, and the difficulties caused by noise were depicted. Tafadzwa Nderere read the report. The formation of a Constitution was referred back to the Board of Directors of the Christian Centre and a small group from the Board of Urban Ministries. The selection of conference members on the Centre Board of Directors was referred to the Nominations committee. A name for the centre is to be a part of the Constitution and responsibility was given to that group to select the name. It was pointed out that \$500 more is needed to repair the centre building. Mrs. Malianga was applauded for her 25 years of service at the Umtali Girl's Hostel. The entire report was then accepted.

51. *Vabvuwi Sponsored School*: It was voted that the two executives, North and South, should meet together to plan the proposed school.

52. *Presentation*: Ishe Chikosha (Mutambara area) gave the conference a gift of money and greeted the members. Bishop responded with the hymn, "Nditungamirirei Baba," and Mrs. M'parutsa led in prayer.

MORNING DEVOTIONS—SATURDAY

January 4, 1975—8: 00 a.m.

The traditional Budya greeting was led by Josiah Njagu. The Zimunya Choral Group presented special music. The Scripture was read from John 15: 1-11. The Hymn was 172, "Runyararo

Rukuru." Rev. Josiah Kurewa preached on the responsibility of Church leaders towards their people. His examples of leaders who were concerned for their people included Mahatma Ghandi, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Jesus. So we, as leaders, must also be concerned. It is only when the way is tough that we begin to do our Lord's will.

SIXTEENTH BUSINESS SESSION—SATURDAY

January 4, 1975—8: 45 a.m.

53. *Ministry to Women*: The report was read by Irene Chitsiku. The item concerning driving lessons was referred back to the committee, and the remainder of the report was accepted.

54. *Home and Family Life*: The report was read by Verna Culver. Conference passed the motion that the group who attended the Home and Family Life Conference should get together and make a specific request to BOFAC concerning financing the four year study programme. The report was accepted.

55. *Ecumenical Relations*: The report was read by Irene Chitsiku. Conference agreed that unity talks should be three ways with the M. C. (U.K.), the U.C.C. and the U.M.C. The report of the committee was accepted.

56. *Nominations (Supplementary)*: The report was read by Patrick Matsikenyiri. He announced the Hilltop Christian Centre Board of Directors nominees as: Ted DeWolf, Norma Malianga and Eben Kawadza. Verna Culver is to be added to the Shona Language committee. The printed report was also accepted.

SEVENTEENTH BUSINESS SESSION—SATURDAY

January 4, 1975—10: 30 a.m.

57. *BOFAC Elections*: Kare Eriksson explained the procedure. Two ministers are to be elected by more than half the votes cast. Bishop appointed the following tellers: Stanford Mukasa, Isaac Musamba, (Mr.) Peter Mudiwa, Eben Kawadza, Ruth Schevenius, Shirley DeWolf and Amon Dangarembga and the first ballot was taken.

58. *Christian Social Concerns*: Sandah Sanganza read the report. He added a section for inclusion in the Journal concerning "new situpas." Conference approved this new addition. Bishop was applauded both as the leader of the A.N.C. and for now possessing a valid travel document. A collection was taken to help the people in protected villages and \$47,11½ was gathered. The matter of accepting money from the State Lottery was referred to the committee working on the Discipline. Rev. Chiza moved and conference agreed that we send greetings (to be

drafted by the Christian Social Concerns Committee) to President Kenneth Kaunda. The report was accepted.

59. *Order of the Day*: Conference agreed that the Budget be brought at the beginning of the Eighteenth Business session (after lunch).

60. *Greetings*: Joseph Bisby introduced to the Conference the Rev. and Mrs. James Carlin from the Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. The Carlins are visiting some of the mission work of the United Methodist Church while in this country.

61. *BOFAC Elections*: The first ballot resulted in no elections and a second ballot was taken.

62. *Student Loan Supplementary Report*: This report was read by Willas Makombe. It was accepted. In the matter of delinquent payments by beneficiaries of the fund, conference voted to implement the recommendations of 1974 concerning them (See 1974 Journal, p.65).

63. *Election to BOFAC*: Jonah Kawadza was elected on the second ministerial ballot. The first ballot for laymen was then taken. Kare Eriksson moved and conference agreed that John Shryock and John Munjoma sit on BOFAC this year. In the third ballot for ministers there was no election. A fourth ballot was taken.

64. *Gift*: John Schevenius and Marshall Murphree have donated a bull to the Nyadiri Ranching project. Conference expressed thanks through applause.

MID-DAY DEVOTIONS—SATURDAY

January 4, 1975

The Mutambara Choir sang, Rev. Kenneth Choto led in prayer and Rev. Patron Nyamukapa read I Kings 19: 1-18. After the singing of Hymn 285, Bishop Clymer began the final of his meditations. Elijah was the central figure in this message. Many of the leaders mentioned in the Bible were found weak at the point where they should have been strongest. Elijah was a strong man who lost heart. He was tired, hungry and lonely. Everyone had supported him and proclaimed with him, "The Lord, He is God." But soon afterwards he became intimidated by Jezebel. God had to teach Elijah that He was still at work in the still, small voice when all the excitement was over. He showed Elijah there was still work to do and that he had not failed.

EIGHTEENTH BUSINESS SESSION—SATURDAY

January 4, 1975—2: 00 p.m.

65. *BOFAC Election*: Kenneth Shamu was elected on the fourth ballot for ministers and Alec Chibanguza was elected in the first balloting for laymen. The ministerial alternates named were (in order): 1st—Davidson Mushapaidzi; 2nd—Nason Dikanifuwa; 3rd—Caleb Mkasa and 4th Elliot Jijita. The second lay ballot was taken.

66. *Budget*: John Munjoma presented the budget. Discussion was suspended to allow for another ballot to be taken.

67. *BOFAC Election*: The second ballot resulted in no elections. A third ballot was cast.

68. *Budget (Continued)*: Discussion was resumed and it was passed that Districts should set aside money for the District Lay Leader's travel. The budget was accepted.

69. *BOFAC Election*: The third ballot elected Josiah Njagu. This makes the lay membership be composed of principals: Alec Chibanguza and Josiah Njagu with the following alternates in order: 1st — Amon Dangarembga; 2nd — Christopher Chikukwa; 3rd — Patrick Matsikenyiri and 4th Gaylord Kambarami. The first ballot was taken for laywomen.

NINETEENTH BUSINESS SESSION—SATURDAY

January 4, 1975—4: 00 p.m.

70. *BOFAC Election*: The first vote for laywomen resulted in no elections. A second ballot was then taken.

71. *Statistical Report*: Charles Miller, Conference statistician presented his report. The report was accepted.

72. *Election to BOFAC*: Irene Chitsiku was elected. The third ballot was then taken.

73. *Indigenization of the Church*: Patrick Masikenyiri read the report. It was accepted.

74. *Election to BOFAC*: The third ballot resulted in the election of Martha Mudzengerere. This makes the laywomen representation on BOFAC to be composed of principals: Irene Chitsiku and Martha Mudzengerere, with alternates (in order) 1st — Ethel Sadza; 2nd — Avis Chikwanha; 3rd — Harriet Mangate and 4th — Stella Tsiga.

75. *Conference Lay Leader (Supplementary Report)*: W. Fambai Marima read the report. Nason Kaseke presented Isaac Musamba with a cheque for \$99,53 from the Salisbury-Bulawayo District to clear their assessments. They deducted \$50,00 from the Tsopotsa Scholarship fund and \$76,80 from the Botswana Fund (which they had paid in excess) so that the total cleared their assessments.

76. *Ministers' Report*: Sandah Sanganza read the report. Ministers' travel is referred to BOFAC. The report was received.

TWENTIETH BUSINESS SESSION—SATURDAY

January 4, 1975—8:00 p.m.

77. *Additions or Omissions from Appointments*:

School Manager, Mrewa: Alec Chibanguza

School Manager, Old Umtali: Amon Dangarembga.

Director, Shóna Language School: Verna Culver.

78. *Temperance*: Jonathan Maramba read his report. The report was accepted.

79. *Board of the Ministry*: Bishop Clymer presided and Joseph Bisby read the report. He presented Sheila Mtasa and Misheck Katsidzira, candidates accepted for Epworth for 1975. Maurice Culver announced courses being made available through the extension services of Epworth. The matter of accepting students at Epworth every second year was referred to the Board of Ministry mid-year meeting. The report was accepted. Maurice Culver gave a short history of the Old Umtali Biblical Institute, pointing out that the last of these students have now entered the ordained ministry. All former students stood up and those candidates having successfully completed the course of study for full membership in the church were applauded.

80. *Journal Overseas*: Kare Eriksson moved and Conference agreed that a copy of the Journal be sent each minister studying overseas.

81. *Calendar*: Jonathan Maramba presented the Calendar for 1975. The conflicting dates were referred back to the committee to consult with the church organisations and the D.S. involved. The Calendar was accepted.

82. *Disciplinary Questions*: Bishop Clymer asked and John Munjoma answered questions No. 1-7 and 25-34.

83. *Next Conference*: Raphael Chimhanda, acting for the District Lay Leader, Mtoko-Nyadiri District invited the Conference to Nyamuzuwe United Methodist Centre. The invitation was accepted.

84. *Ecumenical Relations*: Bishop Muzorewa presiding. Maurice Culver called the attention of Conference to a correction which should be made in the report. Patrick Matsikenyiri clarified this error and the corrected form appears in the report.

85. *Projects*: Charles Miller introduced the idea of having special financial projects within the conference, so that those congregations able to do so, might be able to take on assistance to one of these projects, such as the salary for a hospital chaplain at Nyadiri Hospital. This programme is to be called "Kupa

Kuripamusoro." Conference approved the idea of such a programme.

86. *Conference Dates*: Bishop announced next conference to be held from 29th December 1975 to 4th January, 1976.

87. *Greetings to President Kaunda*: Sandah Sanganza read the message of the proposed telegram. It was accepted.

88. *Daily Proceedings*: David Hodzi announced that the Daily Proceedings had been read and corrected daily, and moved their acceptance. Conference agreed.

89. *Resolutions*: Nisbert Dziwa read the report. It was accepted with some additions and corrections.

90. *Closing Motion*: Kare Eriksson gave the following motion which Conference accepted: "That the Conference Secretary be empowered to organize and compile the reports and recommendations of this session of the Annual Conference in proper manner and that this be accepted as the official record of the Conference; and that after the close of the Sunday services, the Conference be declared officially over."

Certificate Of The President And The Secretary

This is to certify that this volume of the ninth session of the Rhodesia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church held at Mutambara United Methodist Centre, Rhodesia, Dec. 30th 1974—Jan. 5th 1975, is a complete record of the proceedings and reports (which are published under VI) and as such were adopted by the action of the Conference as its official record.

Abel Tendekayi Muzorewa *President*
Rev. John Munjoma *Secretary (This Session)*

Certificate of Ordination

This is to certify that I, Abel Tendekayi Muzorewa, a Bishop of the United Methodist Church, ordained after election of the Annual Conference,

AS ITINERANT DEACONS

Shirley Culver DeWolf, Elias Nhamoinesu Mumbiro, Eben Kanukayi Nhiwatiwa.

AS ITINERANT ELDERS

Edward M. Chapata, Nisbert P. Dziwa, Lazarus E. Kasiyamhuru, Jonathan W. Engai Maramba, Morgan J. Muchanyerei, Farai D. Muzorewa.

Sunday, January 5, 1975.



Part IV

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

A. Organization and Introductory Reports:

- 1 Who are the Officers of the Conference?
Secretary: Zvomunondiita Kurewa.
Statistician: Rev. Charles Miller.
Treasurer: Mr. Isaac Musamba.
- 2 Is the Annual Conference incorporated? Yes.
(See Constitution, Journal, 1954).
- 3 Are the officers handling funds bonded? Yes.
- 4 What is the report of the Programme Committee as to the hours of the session, the bar of the Conference, and the programme? (See the official Conference programme, and the daily proceedings for 30th December, 1974).
- 5 Who are the members of Boards and Committees? (See Part II, list of Boards and Committees).
- 6 Who is elected Conference Lay Leader? Mr. Nason Kaseke.
- 7 What are the reports of the district superintendents as to the status of the work within their districts, and suggestions for the work of the future? (See District Superintendents' Report).

B. Pertaining to Ministerial Relations:

- 8 Having made enquiries into the life and character of the ministerial members of the Conference, does the Board of the Ministry recommend that they be continued in the effective ministry? Yes, with the exception of Webster Mutamba.
- 9 Who are the Approved Supply Pastors? Bennet Chidawanyika, Elias Chikodzi, Aaron Madondo, Annual Matambanadzo, Kenneth Mhandu, Kaiboni Nkomo.
- 10 What Approved Supply Pastors now under full appointment are taking the Conference Course of Study? Kaiboni Nkomo.
- 11 Who are recommended to take the course of study for reception as Probationary Members of Conference?
 - (a) Present Epworth Students:
First Year: Misheck Katsidzira, Sheila Mtasa.
Second Year: Josephat Banda, Jairos Mafondokoto.
Third Year: James Chikomba, Maxwell Chikosi, Lamech Mhaso.
Fourth Year: Christopher Jokomo, Peter Mufute, Farai K. Mukwindidza.
 - (b) Those in the Conference Course of Study:
Kaiboni Nkomo.

- 12 Who are received as Probationary Members of the Annual Conference?
 - (a) By transfer? Henry Gwinyai Muzorewa, deacon, from the Wisconsin Annual Conference.
 - (b) By graduation from Theological Colleges? Shirley Culver DeWolf, Elias Nhamoinesu Mumbiro, Eben Kanukayi Nhiwatiwa.
 - (c) Those in the Conference Course of Study? None.
 - (d) Through reinstatement? None.
- 13 Who remain Probationary Members?

David K. Hodzi, Passion L. Zimonte.
- 14 Who on Probation have been discontinued? Reddison Neshiri.
- 15 Who are admitted into full connection?

Edward M. Chapata, Nisbert P. Dziwa, Lazarus E. Kasiyamhuru, Jonathan W. Engai Maramba, Morgan J. Muchanyereyi, Farai D. Muzorewa.
- 16 What full members are in studies (for ordination)? None.
- 17 What full members have completed studies for the Fourth year? None.
- 18 Who have been elected and ordained Deacons?
 - (a) Local Deacons? None.
 - (b) Itinerant Deacons? Shirley Culver DeWolf, Elias Nhamoinesu Mumbiro, Eben Kanukayi Nhiwatiwa.
- 19 Who have been elected and ordained Elders?
 - (a) Local Elders? None.
 - (b) Itinerant Elders? Edward M. Chapata, Nisbert P. Dziwa, Lazarus E. Kasiyamhuru, Jonathan W. Engai Maramba, Morgan J. Muchanyereyi, Farai D. Muzorewa.
- 20 Who have had their Conference membership terminated?
 - (a) By voluntary location? Webster Mutamba.
 - (b) By involuntary location? None.
 - (c) By withdrawal? None.
 - (d) By judicial procedure? None.
- 21 What ministerial members have died during the year?
 - (a) Retired members of Conference? None.
 - (b) Active members of Conference? None.
 - (c) Retired Approved Supply Pastors? None.
 - (d) Active Approved Supply Pastors? None.
- 22 What ministers have retired?
 - (a) Members of Conference:
 - 1 This year? None.
 - 2 Previously? Luke Chieza, Philip Chieza, Samuel Chieza, Nason Chigubu, Josiah Chimbadzwa, Jonah Chito-mbo, Henry I. James, Silas Kasambira, Benjamin

Katsidzira, Jonah Machiri, Patrick Machiri, Daniel Makuto, Johnson Maramba, Moses Muparutsa, Enock Munjoma, Thomas A. O'Farrell, Jackson Rugayo.

(b) Approved Supply Pastors:

1 This Year? None.

2 Previously? Joseph Makuto, Nicholas Muskwe.

23 Who are left without appointment to attend school?

Micah Chinoda (USA), James Feiker (USA), Farai D. Muzorewa (USA) Henry G. Muzorewa (USA until 1st September), John Sakutombo (UK), Sandah Sanganza (Local), Julius J. Tsiga (Local), and Jotham Usore (USA).

24 What other personal notations should be made?

(a) Received from other conferences?

Henry Gwinyai Muzorewa, Deacon (Itinerant), from Wisconsin Annual Conference.

(b) Transferred to other conferences?

Robert W. Goodloe, Jr., (retroactive to 1962).

Edward Heyer, to Illinois Conference 1974.

(c) Who have been granted supernumery relations?

Geoffrey Kapenzi.

(The Board recommends that he be continued in the supernumery status while he be served with three calendar months notice of our intention to locate him involuntarily).

(d) Who have been granted Sabbatical leave? Marshall W. Murphree.

(e) Who have been granted disability leave? None.

(f) Who have been given special appointment? See Part V of the Journal 1975.

(g) Other notations? None.

Part V

APPOINTMENTS — JANUARY 1975

"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I will be with you always to the end of the age."

Matthew 28: 19, 20.

Moving Date for Pastors: 13th January, 1975. Rev. J. B. Jijita will be responsible for moving arrangements.

Salary for January, 1975, is to be paid by the Circuit or unit of work where the person was serving in December 1974.

MREWA DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT: Josiah Kurewa
District Women's Work: Mary Kurewa
Chikore-Tanda Circuit: Elisha Kuwana
Headlands Circuit: Fanuel Kadenge
Nhowe Circuit: (Bennett Chidawanyika)
Mrewa East Circuit: Amon Kajese
Mrewa North Circuit: Arthur Kanonuhwa
Mrewa South Circuit: (Aaron Madondo)
Mrewa West Circuit: Rudolph Matongo
Maramba-Pfungwe Circuit: To be supplied
Uzumba Circuit: Elia Chitiyo
Mrewa Centre, Howard Memorial Church: Johnstone Gurure
Associate Pastor and Student Chaplain: Jonah Kawadza
Mrewa High School:
Headmaster: Alec Chibanguza
Deputy Headmaster: G. Murwira
Staff: M. Chaora, W. Chinyadza, J. Nzombe, F. Chaora, B. Mazaiwana, C. Muparutsa, S. Muparutsa, P. Dumbujena, D. Mutize, A. Morford, J. Kawadza, J. Bwawa
Matron and Girls' Chaplain: L. Zimonte
Boarding Director: E. Machiri

MTASA-MAKONI DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT: Josiah Chidzikwe
District Women's Work: Rosemary Chidzikwe
Chiduku North Circuit: Davidson Chikosi
Chiduku South Circuit: Samuel Muzulu
Gandanzara Circuit: Nason Dikanifuwa
Inyanga Circuit: Wilson Mawanga
Honde Circuit: Jonathan Maramba
Makoni Circuit: Solomon Zuze
Mundenda-Penhalonga-Odzi Circuit: Samuel Nduna
Nyakatsapa Circuit: Willas Makunike
Rupinda Circuit: (Lazarus Nzarayebani — Epworth Student)
Rusape-Chizawana Circuit: Kenneth Shamu
Old Umtali Centre, Ehnes Memorial Church: Samuel Munjoma
Chairman: Samuel Munjoma
Associate Pastor and Student Chaplain: Eben Nhiwatiwa until Aug., then Henry Muzorewa
Hartzell High School:
Headmaster, Amon Dangarembga
Deputy Headmaster, D. Chitsenga
Staff: S. Dangarembga, C. Kuona, O. Mhere, J. Munzvengwa, S. Mukwekwezeke, A. Munzara, A. Mukono, B. Chirobe, M. Tsododo, C. Mvere, L. Mzambwa, H. Nyanyiwa, C. Nzara, B. Makanga, G. Kaitano, E. Maenzanise, B. Rugayo, T. DeWolf, S. DeWolf, E. Nhiwatiwa, A. Musesengwa.
Boys' Boarding Director: W. Marima
Girls' Boarding Director: D. Maenzanise
Hospital, Matron: Mrs. A. Kapenzi
Sisters: Mrs. E. Mutasa until early 1975, then Mrs. O. Mhere

MTOKO-NYADIRI DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT: Lovemore Nyanungo
District Women's Work: Constance Nyanungo
Chikwizo Circuit: Peter Mudiwa
Dendera Circuit: (Annual Matambanadzo)
Mtoko East Circuit: Davidson Mushapaidzi
Mtoko North Circuit: Passion Zimonte
Mtoko South Circuit: Philemon Gurupira
Mtoko West Circuit: Nisbert Dziwa
Nyadiri Circuit: Lazarus Kasiyamhuru
Dendera Development Programme Director: William Finster
Dendera Women's Work: Esther Finster
Nyamuzuwe Centre and Circuit Pastor: Nason Madzinga
Associate Pastor and Student Chaplain: Edward Chapata
Nyamuzuwe High School:
Headmaster: Josiah Njagu
Deputy Headmaster: S. Nyamugama
Staff: V. Njagu, P. Zvenyika, J. Machakaire, M. Jenami, W. Masocha, A. Chivere, R. Chikowo, M. Taylor, T. Roberts, E. Roberts, R. M'pakaiti.
Matron: Mrs. N. Makarau
Boarding Director: Edward Chapata
Nyadiri Centre, Pastor: Kenneth Choto
Chairman: Kenneth Choto
Associate Pastor and Student Chaplain: J. Morgan Johnson
Teacher Training College, Principal: Gail Hoover
Deputy Principal: J. Mukurazhizha
Staff: K. Chikwinya, L. Jaji, M. Johnson, M. Kalso, A. Machakaire, L. Mandizha, E. Shahwe, J. Bisby, J. Jambga, J. Shahwe.
Matron: Mrs. T. Gwati
Boarding Director: George Kowo
Hospital, Medical Superintendent: Dr Leslie Frewing until May 1975
Doctor: Dr. R. Johnson
Matron: M. Bruin
Sisters: E. Choto, C. Maunganidze, C. Meier, R. Lindgren
Nurses' School Director: Elaine Gallaspy.
Nurses' School Staff:
Hospital Chaplain (Joseph Makuto)
Hospital Accountant: Robert Gibb (upon arrival!)

SALISBURY-BULAWAYO DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT: Thomas L. Curtis
District Women's Work: Margaret Curtis
Bulawayo Circuit: David Mudzengerere
Associate Pastor: To be supplied
Harare Circuit: Tafadzwa John Nderere
Highfield Circuit: Zebediah Marewangepo; Deaconess, Dorcas Chinofukutwa
Kambuzuma Circuit: Alec Alvord
Mabvuku Circuit, Isaac Mawokomatanda
Associate Pastor, Marcia Ball
Mangula Circuit: Samuel Mukangara; Deaconess (Part-time), Martha Mukangara

Marandellas Circuit: (Kaiboni Nkomo)
Midlands Circuit: Lancelot Dikito
Mufakose Circuit: Alfred Katsande
Salisbury Inner-City Chaplain: To be supplied
Dentist (Salisbury) Margaret Nelvig

UMTALI SOUTH DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT: John B. Jijita
District Women's Work: Ennet Jijita
Marange North Circuit: Elijah Chimbanga
Marange West Circuit: (Kenneth Mhandu)
Marange South Circuit: Samson Nyakuengama
Marange Central Circuit: Jairus Masenda
Zimunya North Circuit: Caleb Mukasa
Zimunya South Circuit: Willie Marara
Mutambara East Circuit: Thomas Mvenge
Mutambara West Circuit: Josiah Makande
Mutambara South Circuit: Morgan J. Muchanyereyi

Miller Memorial Circuit: Elliot Jijita
Associate Pastor: David Kamuto Hodzi
Sakubva Christian Centre, Director: David K. Hodzi
Staff: Sue Messenger
Umtali Girls' Hostel: Norma Mallanga
Mutambara Centre, Church: Martin Chiza
Chairman: Martin Chiza
Associate Pastor and Student Chaplain: Elias Mumbiro

Mutambara High School:
Headmaster: C. Chikukwa
Deputy Headmaster: L. Mareya
Staff: R. Mariga, M. Beta, P. Kangara, T. Chitsiku, T. Mawoyo, H. Mawo-
komatanda, E. Nyamaropa, E. Mukonde, R. Sisimayi, D. Moyana, S. Mash-
ingaidze, W. Kodzai (on leave first term) S. Mapengo, R. Nyamasve, E.
Taundi, S. Nera, Mr. Mapungwana, E. Mumbiro.
Matron: Mrs. L. Mashaya
Boarding Director: M. Mataranyika
Hospital Medical Superintendent: Dr. D. Rudy until May 1975, Dr. N.
Irick until July 1975.

Matron, M. Johansson
Sisters: B. Wilson, R. Musimbo
Sunnyside Secondary School:

Headmistress: I. Chitsiku
Staff: R. Nyika, E. Chipere, M. Chikuruwo, S. Mhlanga, S. C. Mhlanga,
M. Kapfumvuti, R. Mahachi
Matron: Mrs. L. Chamukuze

CONFERENCE EXTENSION

Conference Evangelist: Patron Nyamukapa
Conference Director of C. E. and Youth Work: Lamech Zhungu
Conference Director of Stewardship, Cultivation & Promotion: Charles
Miller
Assistant: Ellen Miller

Director, MRID: Maxwell Chambara
 Land Agent, South 1 (Mutambara & Nyakatsapa): Lennart Blomquist
 Land Agent, South 2 (Old Umtali, Glenada & Arnoldine): Maxwell Chambara
 Land Agent, North: William Finster
 Conference Ranching Programme Director: D. Chimbanga until March 31, 1975, then to be supplied
 Church Music Service: Patrick Matsikenyiri
 UMBOWO, Editor: Stanford Mukasa
 Manager, Rhodesia Mission Press: Everett Matzigkeit
 Manager, Market Square Bookroom: Mrs. Ruth Shryock
 Women's Bible Trainer: Mrs. E. Samudzimu

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Administrative Assistant to the Bishop: Kare Eriksson
 Administrative Secretary to the Bishop: Pat Fulmer
 Executive Secretary, Board of Education & Manager Primary Schools on Mission Lands: Alec Alvord
 School Manager Old Umtali: Amon Dangarembga
 Mrewa: Alec Chibanguza
 Executive Secretary, Board of Medical Activities. Dr. Don Rudy, until furlough
 Assistant Secretary: To be supplied
 Director of Historical Research & Archivist: To be supplied
 Director of Shona Language School: Verna Culver
 Correspondent, Response: Pat Fulmer
 Conference Auditor: Franklin Messenger
 Conference Building Inspector: John Schevenius
 World Division Comptroller, Board of Global Ministries: Hunter Griffin
 Conference Treasurer: I. C. Musamba
 Field Treasurer: R. Chimonyo, Assistant, J. Shryock
 Shona Language Study:

ECUMENICAL APPOINTMENTS

Epworth Theological College: Kare and Asta Eriksson, Maurice and Verna Culver, J. W. Z. Kurewa
 Maun, Botswana, Secondary School: George Fleshman, Flora Fleshman
 Pastor, Tati Circuit: Elias Chikodzi (Seconded to United Congregational Church of Southern Africa)
 Bible Society of Rhodesia, Distribution Manager: Rev. John Munjoma
 Executive Secretary, Bible Society of Malawi: Dennison Nyamurwa
 Mindolo Ecumenical Centre: Norman Thomas, Winnie Thomas
 University of Rhodesia, Joint Chaplain to Methodist & United Methodist Students: To be supplied

Part VI

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Composite Report of the District Superintendents

In the prayer which our Lord taught his disciples, we pray for the coming of God's Kingdom. Jesus believed in the rule and reign of God, and prayed for its coming. When we put ourselves under the Lordship of Christ, and make Him King of our lives, we can say that the Kingdom has truly come for us. It is within us. We long and pray for the Kingdom to be fully established within all peoples.

When the Bishop opens the Annual session of Conference, we rejoice in this sign of the coming of His Kingdom. Here is a visible manifestation of His Providential care and rule. How



Rev. Thomas L. Curtis DS—Salisbury-Bulawayo District

thankful we are to be given room in our father's kingdom, for there is plenty of room for all!

It was in 1897 when Bishop Joseph Hartzell came to Southern Rhodesia to begin the ministry of our church around the town of Umtali. What a vision of the kingdom must have come to him in those early days! What faith in God possessed this man who through Christ brought light and life to all under his influence!

Generations have come and gone since that time, and one is amazed at how the good Bishop's dreams have been fulfilled. To us today comes the challenge to examine where we are, in what areas the kingdom is growing and what is our vision for tomorrow.

On this first day of 1975 let us affirm that we shall continue to tell the old, old story which is forever new of Jesus and his love. Let us pray for a new vision of the expanding rule of God's love over His world.

In the last few years we have been brought face to face with the realization that the church is ours. With the decreasing financial support from overseas, we are accepting more and more responsibility for our own affairs. This does not mean we are without need of such assistance. We are not yet a free people. We live in a society where opportunities are not given fairly to all the citizens. Yet a big step forward has been taken towards pastoral support by the circuits. This Conference will consider a new salary scale for ministers, approved supply pastors and deaconesses. Still much more needs to be done in providing necessary travel and office expense for pastors. Let our people open their eyes and see.

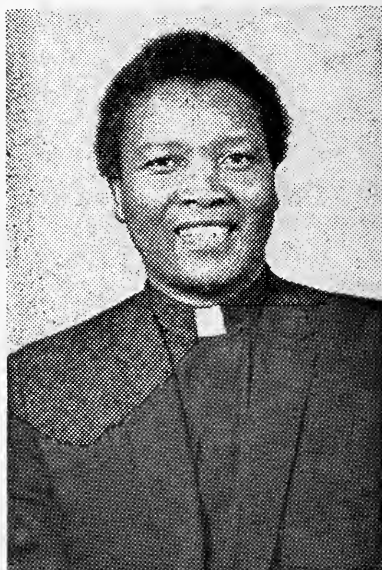
There has been a significant increase in giving to Conference Assessments which helps to cover the cost of the general administration. The educational programme is being managed well through grants and fees. But the one area in serious trouble is the medical work of the church. The question is whether we can continue to meet the rising costs of maintaining our church Hospitals. How much are we prepared to sacrifice in cutting down other units in order to keep the hospitals open and operating? How do we feel when Chief Marange each year sends his gift for the baby folds? More can be said when the budgets are presented.

From the spirit of the historic consultation at Old Umtali in September, 1973, we can say with boldness, "we want the church, and we will support her ministry." This has always been true in the history of the church, for when the kingdom of God truly comes, it is because the people "first gave themselves."

In February, 1974, came the first meeting of all the United Methodist Bishops in Africa which was held in Salisbury. This consultation provided a time of fellowship and sharing with the bishops, delegates from the Annual Conferences, and representatives from the Board of Global Ministries. The church in Africa spoke with one voice, affirming her self-hood as an authentic part of the universal body of Christ. The church in Africa declared her obedience to her calling as the principal agent of evangelism on the continent. The Church expressed gratitude for work done by missionaries and the financial support given by overseas friends. But the consultation also emphasized that a new day has come which should end all paternalistic relationships. Missionaries should come at the

invitation of the host church, and must be prepared to work under conditions as outlined by that church.

The District conferences were all well attended, and provided inspiration and direction to the members. The extension work in-Christian Education and Stewardship has continued to assist in giving greater understanding. The materials for study are very much appreciated. We hope that more aids will be available in the New Year from Extension Workers. We are grateful for the return of good health to the Conference Evangelist Rev. Patron Nyamukapa. During his long illness, pastors have organized their own revival campaigns which have brought many to Christ. Week-long preaching missions in the Salisbury churches by Bishop were blessed with hundreds receiving new life in Christ. The big annual camp meetings also were times



Rev. Josiah Kurewa DS—Mrewa District

of great spiritual renewal and power. Over 11,000 were present for the Rukwadzano camp at Epworth in August. We praise God for those newly converted and many others built up in the faith, and for giving deliverance to those possessed with evil spirits.

The educational ministry of the Conference is another area where we witness the kingdom of God at work. In our secondary schools hundreds of young people are being given a better chance for a happier future, as well as in the primary schools still under control. A new baby has been born at Old Umtali! For many years the Conference has looked forward to starting

Forms V and VI, as we have long qualified for such expansion. We give thanks to the former Education Secretary Mr. George Fleshman and the present Secretary Rev. Alec Alvord for their hard work in gaining this approval. To the Headmaster Mr. Amon Dangarembga and the Conference Building Inspector Mr. John Schevenius in supervising the building programme, we say well done. Let us now press on toward such expansion at Mrewa Centre! We also express appreciation to the Nyadiri Teacher Training College staff for carrying on well during a time of much transition. To our senior educator, Miss Edith Parks, who is retiring at this Conference, we give our love and genuine thanks for many years of outstanding service. Miss Parks has become known to us as the "opener of United Methodist Secondary Schools!"

The healing ministry of the church is carried on daily and nightly in big hospitals and small clinics by the untiring service of doctors, nurses, orderlies, and assistants often under difficult circumstances. We rejoice in the opening of a new hospital building at Mutambara. Dr. Don Rudy, the medical superintendent, is completing his missionary career in mid-1975, and we record our deep appreciation for his work in developing the Mutambara Hospital, as well as having been the Conference Medical Secretary. The shortage of doctors is becoming a serious threat to our medical ministry.

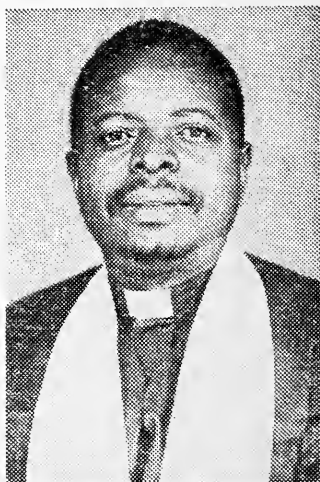
For many years the Conference seemed to have lost the vision of caring for the physical needs of the people. The Methodist Rural and Industrial Development Centre at Old Umtali has brought us back to see the importance of balanced foods through its Butchershop in the Backyard programme. This reminds us of the teaching in nutrition by Dr. Nutting. We want to see a similar programme developed in the northern section.

And what can be said of our poor use of some of our Mission Lands? It is high time we people in Rhodesia stand around the burning bush (which is the church) and hear the word of the Lord asking us, "What is in your Conference?" And for us to answer, "it is our mission lands." It is time for us to make haste and put them fully to use. Why can we not expect a miracle from our lands, as we do from our schools and churches and hospitals?

The women of the church continue to move ahead and realize some of their dreams. Their support of Conference-wide projects like Nyakatsapa school as well as in their local communities is a great inspiration to the whole church. We want to see more women as delegates to Annual Conference, and in all fields of leadership. The men of the church are also considering steps

for opening a school for young men and boys. The UMYF are an enthusiastic group, and are giving generously for many good causes. In the Mabvuku Circuit the young people gave almost the full salary for one month for their pastor. The annual meetings of these societies have been unusually high with many receiving spiritual power and guidance in their lives.

With the rapid influx of thousands of families to the towns and cities, more attention must be given to providing additional pastors and church buildings in the urban areas. Two new sites have been secured in 1974 in Salisbury at Mufakose and Kambuzuma. Other applications are pending, but there are not funds sufficient to build. We need to also recognize that the urban influence is spreading out into rural areas, mines, farms. There is a growing inter-dependence between those in town and rural areas, as we are all one people.



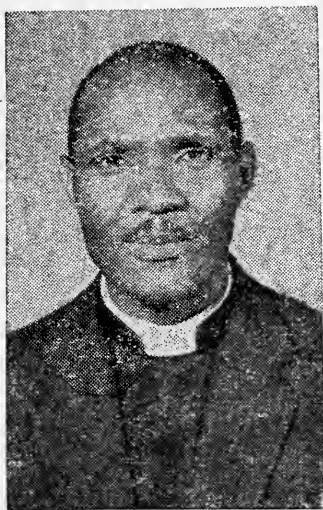
Rev. Lovemore Nyanungo DS—Mtoko-Nyadiri District

A number of churches and parsonages have been completed or are under construction, such as Jerusalem at Mt. Makomwe, Gandanzara named after Ishe Philip Gandanzara, Nyamandwe, Negomo, Magohlo, Nharira, Nyamukoho, Masango, Nyahondo, Matututu, Zaranyika, Rukariro, Maponongwe, Gwelo and Mangula. Rev. Lennart Blomquist has been helping with the renovation of several church buildings and making new pulpits.

A major building project is expected to get under way early this year. After many years of renting offices for the Bishop and his staff, the Board of Finance and Coordination and the Board of Trustees have bought property in downtown Salisbury to erect our own building. The Administrative Office Building Committee has been authorized to seek funds, and is proceeding with plans so that actual construction may begin shortly. The

plans have already been submitted to the City for approval. There will be two floors of offices, a classroom, library and kitchen in the first phase of building. Later three more floors can be added which could provide income from rent of offices. This new United Methodist Centre in Salisbury will provide adequate offices and meeting rooms for the growing demands upon our Bishop and his staff. An official opening will be announced in due course.

The central task of proclaiming the Gospel is spearheaded by our pastors. To these who so faithfully carry on their pastoral work in these changing times, we offer a big word of thanks. They need our continual prayers and encouragement. Many



Rev. Josiah Chidzikwe DS—Mtasa-Makoni District

have large amounts of unpaid back salaries due to them from previous places where they have served. Those circuits should keep trying to cover up those balances. It is good to hear of the fine spirit of men being transferred who are trying to leave their parsonages in better condition and their work better organised for the incoming pastor. Let us develop this true brotherhood of the ministry. Each district held retreats for ministers and their wives with the Bishop as the principal speaker. A new scale for the salaries of ministers will be under consideration during this Conference. Standing side by side to the ministers are the laymen and laywomen who also minister in the name of Christ, and without whom there would be no church..

The Administrative Assistant Rev. Kare Eriksson, those under special and ecumenical appointments, and all workers have rendered great work for the church in the past year. We give

thanks to the former Conference Secretary, Mr. Elliot Musumhi who had to relinquish his post because of new duties, as he continues his good work as District Finance Chairman and also Circuit Finance Chairman for the Midlands. We thank the Conference, District and Circuit Lay Leaders for all their hard work. We also think of the host of people who are seldom seen, but whose love and prayers and service help to lift the burdens of many.

In the past year we were saddened at the outbreak of greater violence throughout the country. Many people have been taken from their homes and put behind the wire in Chiweshe with little to sustain them. Efforts by those seeking to obtain a peaceful settlement for the country have been thwarted by those who are unwilling to accept compromise or make necessary changes. However it seems that those in authority have come to accept that a new attitude is essential for the country to move ahead and avoid a serious conflagration.



Rev. John B. Jijita DS—Umtali South District

During 1974 the Resident Bishop of the Rhodesia Area, the Rev. Dr. Abel Tendekayi Muzorewa, was named in Time Magazine as one of the top ten religious figures in the world. He was described as one of the "Shapers" and "Shakers" of his time, because of his influence in seeking to bring justice and freedom to his own land through non-violent means.

We thank God for this son of Zimbabwe, who in recent weeks has emerged as an even greater leader of the people. We believe it is through his efforts that a new day is beginning to dawn in this land of our birth. It is with great joy that we learn of the lifting of the banning order which had prevented his travel in the Tribal Trust Land, and that his passport has been re-issued.

The rightness of his cause has gotten him the victory! Hallelu-jah! His name has become a household word far beyond the borders of our own church, for all those who pray for peace and justice. We are grateful for his spirit of humility, his patience in adversity, and his courage in confronting evil and ignorance. His triumph has helped obtain the release of hundreds of political detainees, and the unification of the African Nationalist cause in this great land. Is not this the work of a man of God, to help bring peace and prosperity and liberty to the people?

Thanks to the leadership of Bishop Muzorewa, there is a greater awareness that the church belongs to the people, and a willingness to be one's own self and appreciate one's own culture and heritage. Despite many adversities, the United Methodists in Rhodesia continue to sing, "We shall overcome.."

Lastly and most important, we offer our profound thanksgiving to Almighty God who has safely led us through another year. The abundant rain of the past season has been but one indication of His many gifts. In His presence we are painfully aware of our sinfulness, our neglect, our littleness, our thoughtlessness, our greed. Let us ask for His mercy for taking for granted our many blessings, of failing to encourage others and lift them up. Let us now renew that high resolve of giving Him ourselves for cleansing and equipping us with His Holy Spirit for Service. Let us be open to catch a new and larger vision of fellowship with Him, with one another as members of the same family, and of our calling to pray for the coming of His Kingdom throughout all the earth. Amen.

Submitted by

The Five District Superintendents.

Deaconess Committee

We of the Deaconess Committee still feel that women should be trained in ministry. We appreciate the service which is being done by our Deaconesses in their respective places.

We really feel that women can even do more than what is done by the present ones if they can be trained as ministers. We give thanks to all pastors and laymen, who did their best in urging women to feel that they have a vital role to play and can be accepted into the ministry just as men if they qualify. We are expecting women to join the ministry in the near future.

RECOMMENDATIONS: -

- 1 We recommend that, wherever possible, Deaconesses be hired and work at our Mission centre as: Matrons, student chaplains or in the hostels.

- 2 We request the cabinet, if possible to appoint Mrs. Mukangara a full-time worker just as other Deaconesses because she is doing all the duties of the Deaconess.

Rosemary Chidzikwe (Chairperson)

Martha Mudzengerere (Acting secretary)

Christian Education—Composite Report Conference Christian Education and Youth Work Report

A. The work of Christian Education is a challenge, especially when combining both Christian Education and Youth Work. It is always nice to meet challenges because this gives one strength to go deep down in thinking creatively.

One of the greatest concerns in the work of Christian Education has been the production of Christian Education Materials. There was great need for lessons in Classmeetings and Adult Sunday School and the Sunday programmes for the Youth. I am happy to announce to this Annual Conference that for the first time after two years of using the same types of materials, I have succeeded in producing booklets for Classmeetings MAKOKORODZANO, Adult Sunday School books — ZVIDZIDZO ZVECHIKORO CHESONDO ZVEVAKURU and the every Sunday Youth Programmes from January—June, 1975.

May I say, from my general observation, the churches or circuits which have succeeded, are those which have made use of the Christian Education Materials. The foundation of Methodism is on Classmeetings or Bible Study classes. Now, if any of the churches or circuits are drifting away from meeting for Bible Study or Makokorodzano or Sunday School, then they are breaking away from real Methodism. Some churches are meeting but are still following the old method of preaching even on Classmeeting days.

The situation of the country is a great concern of the people. People need to be met where they are. I have tried to do this in the production of the Christian Education Materials. If churches are not meeting for classmeetings, Adult Sunday School and U.M.Y.F. or are not using the materials, then you are starving the people. The cry before was, "We do not have Christian Education materials" but now as I said, I am happy to introduce the new ZVIDZIDZO ZVECHIKORO CHESONDO ZVEVAKURU—MAKOKORODZANO—Classmeetings. U.M.Y.F. programmes.

Christian Home and Family Life is also a concern of Christian Education. We thank the Bishop A. T. Muzorewa for the opportunity for 23 of us to attend a Family Life Conference

arranged by the World Methodist Committee and held at the University of Rhodesia December 11-13, 1974.

It is the hope of the Regional Committee in Rhodesia for Home and Family Life to set up committees to strengthen the work of Family Life in Rhodesia. This was an opportunity for the United Methodist Church to have 23 participants in this Seminar. We hope, because of this participation, many were well equipped on this subject and we hope many local churches will make the best use of these participants in their local churches.

B. CONFERENCE YOUTH WORK.

Despite the fact that there has not been a full time Director of Youth Work, the work has gone on more or less as before. District U.M.Y.F. leadership Training and Revivals were held in all the five districts. It is unfortunate I did not attend some of the Leadership Training because of the accident in May 1974. I feel it is here that I should seize the opportunity to thank you all in the Rhodesia Annual Conference for your prayers during that time and your concern for us wherever we meet.

As I opened up by saying the work of Christian Education is a challenge, part of the challenge is with the Youth Work. The highlight of all the Youth Work was at their Annual General Conference held at St. Mark United Methodist Church, Highfield—December 6-11. The reports from various circuits showed growth and maturity not only of them as youth, but also in the general running of the church and their Conference.

For the first time, we have managed to open up a Savings Account with the National and Grindlays Bank. We hope the youth are going to be responsible especially in seeing that any money received should be receipted, banked and books audited. All along U.M.Y.F. books were not audited, and we hope from now on, U.M.Y.F. books should be audited by the Conference Auditor.

May I end by saying, we have a bright future for the work of the youth in the Rhodesia Annual Conference just as long as they have someone to give them direction.

C. RECOMMENDATIONS — Christian Education and Youth Work: -

1. In view of the fact that there is still need for the production of Christian Education Materials, especially now for the Secondary High Schools in Sunday School and Classmeetings, I recommend that BOFAC put aside an amount of money for the travel and feeding of a sub-committee of Christian Education which should meet once or twice to think and plan what to use,

and if possible to meet with members of the Methodist Synod in order to produce some of these materials co-operatively. If an estimate of amount would be needed, I would suggest a sum of about \$200,00

2. We recommend that UMYF Sunday be September 21, 1975.

Rev. L. Zhungu.

U. M. Y. F. REPORT TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

In the name of our Lord Jesus UMYF greets you all.

GENERAL CONFERENCE: -

This was held at St. Mark United Methodist Church from December 6 to 11th 1974 of which 43 out of 50 circuits were present. We are pleased to say that very good reports of the work being done in the Conference were given. However there were some problems brought forth (see below). Our theme was "STRENGTHENING THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH."

FINANCE:

At present we have a total of \$201,52½ most of which is in the National and Grindlays Bank. Following our pledge of an aid to the Youth Director's Budget, we managed to give the Conference Treasurer \$100,00. Earlier in the year we also paid our \$100,00 Conference request which we had not paid. Our treasury is built from Rupawa contributions. We are unhappy to say that some of our members are negligent towards Rupawa and we are really concerned about this. Pastors, please help us.

TRIBUTE:

We thank all pastors and Advisors to circuits and at stations. The UMYF was very grateful for the helpful and very fruitful services of Rev. E. Jijita to us as Youth Director for 7 years. At the same time we are very pleased to tell the Conference that we appreciate the work of the present Director Rev. L. Zhungu and we are not forgetting our devoted advisors Mrs. E. Jijita and Mr. N. Gandanzara.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

1 It is pleasing to notice that most of our members are now in Classmeetings and are paying their dues well. This has been our cry all along.

2 Clocks at station level are being bought for local church use.

3 Some of our Circuits have bought pots, plates and other utensils for church use.

4 Some of our Circuits reported that they are even helping meet Church Quarterly Budgets.

MEETINGS:

Several meetings were held during the year where a variety

of topics were discussed such as:-

- a. Church and Politics.
- b. Church and Music.
- c. Experiencing Christ as a Personal Saviour.
- d. Culture.
- e. Courtship and Marriage.
- f. Youth and the Changing World.
- g. Youth and Self Support.

PROBLEMS:

1 Some of our Circuits are lacking Pastoral Care thus they are going down spiritually, financially and at Project Work. Please we appeal to all pastors to help the Youth and give them their right and chance in the Church. (referred back to circuits)

2 Yearly some Circuits fail to send delegates and thus their work is ever behind. We ask pastors to help and see that their Circuits are represented.

RESOLUTIONS:

1 We pledge to pay \$100 yearly as an aid to the Youth Director's Budget.

2 We suggest that "sex education" be taught to the young people as early as possible as we seem to see that lack of sex education is another cause of "MATORWA."

3 We agreed to give an incentive in form of a trophy to a hard working District in line with membership and overall financial dues.

4 We appeal to the Conference to encourage the Youth to raise funds through such means as paying for film shows or musical bands (shows).

New Office Bearers were chosen as follows:

PRESIDENT:-	Ernest Mupfunya
VICE:-	Moses Matiashe
SECRETARY:-	Sheila M'tasa
PUBLICITY SEC:-	Robert Maringanise
TREASURER:-	George Maramba
ADVISORS:-	Mrs. E. Jijita, Mr. N. Gandanzara.

Ernest Mupfunya (President)

Sheila Mtasa (Secretary)

FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:-

1. We still recommend the printing of the Local Preacher's materials as recommended last year.

2. We recommend that the Christian Education Executive go ahead and meet with the members of the Methodist Synod for

the purpose of producing Classmeeting booklets for 1976 and onwards.

3. We urge all Pastors and their circuits to purchase the new MAKOKORODZANO (at 18c each) for 1975.

Election of Officers: -

Chairman	Rev. Nisbert Dziwa.
Vice-Chairman	Rev. Morgan Johnson
Secretary	Rev. Julius J. H. Tsiga
Vice-Secretary	Mr. Ernest Mupfunya.

Rev. Nisbert Dziwa (Chairman)

Rev. Julius J. H. Tsiga (Secretary)

Student Loan Fund

1. The policy of this Student Loan Fund continues to be to grant loans to second and third year students only in teacher training. Ministerial students in the third and fourth years may also be eligible to apply.

2. All contributions and payments should be sent to the new treasurer, Mr. Lazarus Mandizha, Nyadiri Teacher Training College, P. B. 636E, Salisbury.

3. Applications for this loan should be sent to the secretary, Mr. Willas Makombe, Nyadiri Central Primary School, P. B. 636E, Salisbury not later than November of the calendar year.

4. The committee re-emphasises that the district treasurers send contributions for his loan direct to the Student Loan Fund Treasurer.

5. We ask the Student Loan Fund treasurer to make contacts with debtors and report to the executive of this committee, as well as to the whole committee.

6. On the 22nd September, 1974, the executive of this committee met at Macheke to consider 6 applications for loans to pay for air fares to school overseas. These applications were not approved because the Student Loan Fund does not cater for students in this category.

7. We recommend that each circuit has a Student Loan Fund Committee.

8. We recommend that 29th June, 1975 be observed as Student Loan Fund Sunday.

9. We recommend that the contract signed by recipients of this loan be amended to read as follows: -

The United Methodist Church Student Loan Fund

CONTRACT

(To be completed in triplicate)

(i) I promise that, beginning no later than the second month

of my employment, I shall repay to the Student Loan Fund the sum of not less than ten dollars (\$10) monthly until the entire \$..... (in words) dollars of my debt is repaid.

(ii) Failure to start repayment within three months of employment will result in the recipient being referred to Head Office who will authorize the Education Secretary to place the matter in the hands of lawyers for collection of debt.

(iii) In the case of female recipient of the Student Loan Fund who marries before the loan is fully paid, responsibility of repaying the loan will continue to be hers. Failure to pay will result in clause number (ii) above being applied.

(iv) It is understood that if I should die before the loan is repaid, repayment is not expected and that none of my relatives shall be considered responsible for it.

Name (in full) and Home address of recipient of loan.

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Signature of recipient date

Witness

(a) Headmaster of College

(b) Pastor of Church

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This form is to be filled in by parent or guardian of applicant in triplicate.

I am the parent/guardian of who is applying for a student loan. I approve of him/her receiving loan and if loan is granted, but the recipient fails his/her course or is expelled from school or fails to repay, I accept it as my responsibility to repay the entire loan.

Name in full and address of parent or guardian

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Signature of parent or guardian

Date

Signature of applicant

Witness: (a) Signature

Address

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(b) Signature

Address

LOANS APPROVED FOR 1975

	Name	College	Year	Amount
a.	Victoria Bwawa	Nyadiri	T3 - 2	\$70
b.	Richard Gurure	Nyadiri	T3 - 2	60
c.	Tonderai Mwenye	Nyadiri	T3 - 2	50
d.	Benon Mazheti	Nyadiri	T3 - 2	52
e.	Witness Kabunze	Nyadiri	T3 - 2	70
f.	Solomon Gwenzi	Nyadiri	T3 - 3	60
g.	Gladys Muziti	Nyadiri	T3 - 2	80
h.	John Murisa	Nyadiri	T3 - 2	80
i.	Danmore Chikunya	Nyadiri	T3 - 2	80
j.	Josphat Mufute	Nyadiri	T3 - 2	80
k.	Elisha Munopo	Nyadiri	T3 - 2	80
l.	Josphat Kahwa	Nyadiri	T3 - 2	70
m.	Shoniwa Chipfunde	Nyadiri	T3 - 2	70
n.	Machingura Kaseke	Howard	T3 - 3	80
o.	Christopher Matanga	Gwelo	T2B -3	66
TOTAL				1198

Jeremiah Chitauo (Acting Chairman)

Willas Makombe (Secretary)

Ngariende Report Chiredzi and Hippo Valley

Vakanangisa vakamirira kuuya kwedu vari Chiredzi, Ngatie-ndeyo towobatsire shamwari dzedu kuHippo Valley.

The Ngariende Campaign to Chiredzi and Hippo Valley took place from November 1 to 3, 1974, and was led by Rev. Chiza, Rev. Muchanyereyi, Mr. P. Mudiwa, Mr. S. Mareya. In one faith, and with zeal and determination we travelled from Mutambara to Chiredzi, leaving at 6. a.m. and arriving at 4 p.m. We had people waiting to see us when we arrived. Those waiting were Mr. and Mrs Gwaku, Mr. and Mrs. Mangwirow, Mr. and Mrs. Murigwa and others. They received us with great zeal and respect. With these friends were also Mr. Matara, Mr. Nyamhere, Mr. R. Mabanja, Mr. M. Nyamhere, Mr. M. Mumera, Mr. Crispin Maranke, Mr. Mundazaza and their wives.

There is no real organization there. They, have no church services and no one who can perform marriages or conduct funerals. They just look to each other and help in whatever way they can. Mr. Mangwirow took the lead at different times and did what he was able to do. He is respected and has been there longer than others and does have some knowledge of the church.

There are over six thousand people in Hippo Valley and Chiredzi, and as far as we know there are some 200 members of

the United Methodist Church there. The Synod has a Minister and an Evangelist who works with the whites and there is a black Missionary and Evangelist, Mr. Mupinga, who is a former student at Old Umtali Biblical Institute. He and Mrs. Mupinga go even to Zaka and hold services. There is an African pastor and Evangelist in Fort Victoria where they are fortunate enough to have a church. There is no church in Hippo Valley nor Chiredzi but they do have several meeting places and preaching points.

COOPERATION: They promised to work together with us, especially the Evangelist and his wife, but our people have not been attending their services.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH: There is also a Free Methodist Church in Hippo Valley and Chiredzi which is ministered to by the Lundi Mission. At Rundi River they speak a different dialect of Shona, which is hard for our people to understand, so even if our people join them they would not benefit due to the problem of language. We visited with the preacher and his family at their church and parsonage.

THE HARVEST IS GREAT BUT LABOURERS ARE FEW:

Jesus sent the 70 at one time to preach in His name and they succeeded in their mission. Even the evil spirits departed from the people when they went. Jesus is sending us also to do his work at Chiredzi and Hippo Valley. This is an area ready to undertake the burden of a circuit which will eventually grow up to a large number for there are many people in the whole valley.

RESOLUTION: We are of the opinion that an Evangelist be sent there now or one of the members of Wabvuwi to begin the work and to help organize our people together. Jesus said we should go to the people, wherever they are. He said we must follow the people.

HAPPINESS: Bishop and the Conference, our people were very happy to see us and to know that the church at home has followed them. In other words the parents' love is following them and our visit brought them joy indeed.

Mangula and Kariba started with Wabvuwi. As these two circuits started with Wabvuwi, we believe we can do the same with Chiredzi and Hippo Valley, including Triangle. The Methodist Synod is doing the same. The chief industry in Hippo Valley is the Sugar Refinery which runs 24 hours without stopping. It is interesting to visit and see the sugar as heaps of sand. Machinery is used to load and haul huge heaps of sugar. There are a number of compounds surrounding the factory and there are many sugar canefields with rivers running through them.

Another aspect of work of the Kingdom is in Chirodzo in

Mozambique which is not far from Mutambara. We are of the opinion that Ngariende should take up the work to help the people in the Chirodzo United Methodist Church, now worshipping in a temporary shelter, but they have a congregation of from 70 to 100 each Sunday. They need a permanent church with brick walls and iron roof with a cement floor. The people from Mozambique come to our hospital and pay in escudos, but our doctor has difficulty using the money in Rhodesia.

This money could be used to buy materials and pay labour in building a church for them. We could help them build a strong church in Mozambique and with a new government in Mozambique, this action will unite us with Bishop Zunguze and other protestant churches in Mozambique stretching from Beira to Lourenco Marques.

Respectfully Submitted by
Rev. R. M. Chiza

THE CONFERENCE EVANGELIST — Rev. P. Nyamukapa

We thank God that our Conference Evangelist recovered after long illness, in spite of two major operations.

We hope that he will embark on his work this year. He thanks God and the Doctors and you for your prayers.

REPORT FROM MISSIONARY TO BOTSWANA, Rev. E. Chikodzi

"But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." This was my first speech for the year 1974, when beginning to do the work of our Lord in His field in my circuit.

Let me first thank you all for your prayers which led us to do the Lord's work in Botswana.

This year we had five (5) revival meetings in our circuit and all were rich and fruitful. In each revival we won some new members. In all these revivals we won sixty-five (65) new members.

During Easter I sent my local preachers two by two during Holy Week and Palm Sunday and we came together at Musojane Church. At this Church we were joined by Chief Musojane and his wife.

This year we won 38 who came back, 65 who joined as beginners, 64 received as full members and 94 as probationers. Let us all thank God for His wonderful blessings to Tati Circuit. We have now 354 members and also 124 children were baptized. We have 12 fishermen in Tati Circuit.

With my fishermen I first have a meeting and teach them and after that send them two by two to various places. They used to go as a group but now they go in twos as our circuit is

big. This year Tati Circuit worked very hard, we have gone through our budget and we have some money with which we want to open a Savings Bank Account.

Every 25th of the month we hold meetings with all the Church deacons. The Chairman of the Finance Committee Mr. S. W. Butale helped me to teach the deacons how to give so that they can teach the local people in their churches. At the end of the teaching the Church treasurers give their "PARALO" (Church Offerings) to the Circuit Treasurer and he will send this to the District Treasurer, Mr. Sinombe. Tati Masunga Circuit got No. 1 in our District. We also have a method of taking all Sunday and Holy Communion collections to our Circuit Treasurer. The work of the Lord is growing and going on very well.

We are very sorry to report that during the year we lost five (5) members of our Church and one (1) child through death.

Mrs. Chikodzi received 24 women in RRW and with the help of the chairwoman they taught the women not to keep their money in their houses and as a result they have opened a Savings Bank Account in Francistown for women. May God bless their work. Also Mrs. Chikodzi and Mrs. Mannathko help children to play and also teach them in Sunday School classes. We thank Mrs. V. Culver for sending Sunday School Lessons.

We are not only preaching the Gospel in Botswana but we are also teaching them to grow vegetables. We have two children at Masunga who have started a small garden.

This year I have attended UCCSA Conference at Kanye, a joint committee of the UMC/UCCSA at Maun, Eighth Assembly of the UCCSA at Gaborone and Board of Trustees for the Maun Secondary School. In these meetings I have learned many things about Church Organization.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF NGARIENDE

Hippo Valley and Chiredzi.

The report of the delegation that was sent to Hippo Valley showed us that there is a great work for us to do. We are asking the conference to send an evangelist for a month and organize these people. This person should go as soon as possible.
Chikwizo Dam:

We are grateful to tell the conference that the dam we started to build at Chikwizo in 1971 has been completed.

Chikwizo mission is not fenced and the surrounding people are giving a bother. Some are even having their fields extended into the mission land.

For this problem we ask Ngariende to fence the mission as

soon as possible. We ask the North Land Agent and the Secretary for Ngariende to see that this project is done as soon as possible.

The perimeter of the land is 3 miles. Fencing costs \$250 for one mile. It therefore follows that fencing the three miles costs about \$750. If this money is paid by the five districts it means one district pays about \$150.

We ask that this money be sent to the Conference Treasurer as soon as it is collected. Preferably before the end of April 1975.

Rev. M. Chiza — Chairman

Rev. P. B. T. Mudiwa — Secretary

Board of Education

The meeting started with a short prayer by Rev. J. Kurewa. Mrs. Irene Chitsiku was elected secretary in place of J. Makawa who has moved to Gwelo T. T.

1A Development of Comprehensive Schools at Mutambara, Old Umtali, Mrewa:

This was discussed at length then Mr. Mashingaidze moved that, "The Board of Education accepts in principle the idea of comprehensive schools at our centres."

The motion was carried by 19 votes. Nobody voted against it.

(i) *Facilities at Mutambara:* There are enough classrooms to begin an F(2) school at Mutambara, but the C.P.S. is to be reduced to one stream.

The Board asked the Education Secretary to (a) Discuss the possibility of starting an F(2) school with the Mutambara people. (b) Notify BOFAC at the June meeting. (c) Apply for F(2) to start in 1976.

(ii) *Old Umtali:* The Board agreed not to start an F(2) school at Old Umtali until later.

(iii) *Mrewa:* It is more difficult to close the C.P.S. at Mrewa than at Mutambara since there is no other C.P.S. within 4 miles of Mrewa Mission.

The Education Secretary was asked to discuss with the people at Mrewa the possibility of starting an F(2) school and of moving the C.P.S. outside the mission. He was also asked to apply for the F(2) to start in 1976.

B. Development of New Schools at Arnoldine, Chikwizo, Dindi, Glenada, Mtoko, Nyadiri:

(i) *Arnoldine:* It is a farm in European area. There is no other school nearby. Therefore it should continue. (The Education Secretary, after checking with the Land Agent, has

found that there is room at Arnoldine for the development of an F(2) school.)

(ii) *Glenada*: European area. There are only three families on the land. It could easily be turned into an F(2) school. It is easily accessible and water could be developed easily. Present plans are to continue and expand the C.P.S..

(iii) *Mtoko*: The Board agreed to keep the C.P.S. open.

(iv) *Nyadiri*: We agreed to keep the possibility of an F(2) in mind. The immediate need is to expand the C.P.S. and boarding facilities.

(v) *Nyakatsapa*: We have tenants who would have to move if an F(2) school were started at Nyakatsapa. If we develop an F(2) in this area, we might have to do it with the council as in Marange. The C.P.S. should continue.

(vi) *Chikwizo and Dindi*: F(2) schools at these places might have to be started by the Council since they are in the TTLs.

2. *The Future of Primary Schools on MISSION land:*

A. *Missions in TTLs — Chikwizo, Dindi and Mrewa:*

We cannot develop these schools because they are in the T.T.L. We cannot turn the schools to the Council either because that would mean turning the mission land to the Council also. The church should keep the schools.

The Education Secretary was asked to consult the D.C. for Mrewa to get permission to expand Dindi to cater for the children whose parents are being moved to live near the dam. This was refused as Dindi is not a Council school.

B. *Missions Adjoining T.T.Ls—Mtoko, Mutambara, Nyadiri and Nyakatsapa:*

(i) It was agreed that we keep Mtoko for the foreseeable future. Mutambara and Nyadiri are to expand as in Paragraphs 1Ai and 1Biv above respectively.

(ii) Nyakatsapa is to continue without change for the foreseeable future.

C. *Missions Isolated in European Areas: Glenada, Arnoldine and Old Umtali*

The church is allowed to expand primary schools in European areas. These schools will continue for the foreseeable future and expand as needed. (Since the meeting the Secretary has received word that Arnoldine has been granted a second grade 1, Glenada a grade 6 and Old Umtali a second grade 1, for 1975).

3 *Primary Boarding Facilities:*

A. The facilities at Nyadiri are to be improved and expanded.

B. The facilities at Mrewa, Mutambara and Old Umtali will

be closed as they are needed for secondary expansion.

4. *Organization of Boarding Departments to follow Recommendations of the Consultation Held at Old Umtali:*

Boarding salaries at Old Umtali were much higher than at Mutambara even though the schools were about the same size. The Education Secretary was going to discuss the reorganization of the Boarding Departments at Old Umtali with Mr. Dangarembga and the Boarding Directors.

These men were appointed by Cabinet, therefore the final decision about the reorganization would come from Cabinet.

5. *Development:*

A. *Nyamuzuwe:* Try to expand to a three stream system and add F(2) classes.

B. *Nyadiri:* Develop T(3) infant class, expand the T. T. programme.

C. *Sunnyside:* Develop to Grade 10 and 11 and later expand to three stream classes.

D. Developments at other centres are given above.

E. The Education Secretary was asked to find out from the Ministry of Education its plan to make schools economic since it has rejected applications for expansion in F(1) schools and two streams are not economic.

The church should apply again for a sixth form at Mrewa.

6. *Priorities of Development in Correct Order:*

1. Sunnyside

2. Nyadiri

3. Old Umtali

Priorities for Expansion in Correct Order:

1. Sunnyside

2. Nyadiri

3. Mrewa and Nyamuzuwe (third stream)

4. Mutambara and Mrewa (F(2) classes)

The Secretary of Education was asked to apply again for third stream classes for Mrewa and Nyamuzuwe.

The Board requests that a delegation go to see the P. E.-O. Mashonaland East about additional F(1) classes at Mrewa and Nyamuzuwe because of the great shortage of places in their area. The delegation members to be Rev. Eriksson, Rev. Alvord, Mr. Chibanguza and Mr. Njagu.

7. *Future Developments at Nyadiri T.T.*

Dr. Hoover reported on the possibility of affiliation with the University of Rhodesia in the future. This will require an upgrading of facilities at Nyadiri to meet university requirements.

8. *United College of Education:* Following the recommenda-

tion of the Annual Conference in 1974 we applied for membership in the United College of Education, Bulawayo and we are now members.

I. Chitsiku — Secretary

J. Njagu — Chairman

Amendment to Board of Education Report: -

The Kubatana Trust (Formerly called the Kambazuma Committee)

The United Methodist Church has been involved for several years in discussions with people in Salisbury toward developing an African technical school. This is an ecumenical venture which includes representatives from the Roman Catholic church; two university staff; three business men; Mr. G. Cooper, Deputy P. E. O. for Mashonaland South; a representative from local government and housing; Mr. M. G. Mills former Secretary of African Education; and E. Matzigkeit from the United Methodist Church.

The late Dr. Harry Evans who was with us from 1969-1972 can be given much credit for pushing this programme. He was followed by T. R. Roberts as the UMC representative.

The Board of Global Ministries has approved the programme and has listed it in the "Partnership in Missions" hand-book which is circulated in USA churches. BOFAC of the Rhodesian Annual Conference has approved the raising of \$15 000 to support the programme.

A Board of Governors was elected in order to have a legal body to transact business. Shortly afterwards, after much searching and study, a parcel of land was acquired for the proposed schools.

It was decided that the school should have three sections — a regular F(1) Community high school, unaided; a four year F(2) high school, aided; and an adult vocational-technical school.

The next step was to plan for the construction of buildings and to hire a headmaster. Construction began July, 1973 and the first students were in classes in February 1974 — 750 in the F(1) high school and 72 in the first double stream of the F(2) school.

Government gave a grant to pay part of the costs of construction of the F(2) school. Fund raising has been one of the major activities of Kubatana Trust committee in recent months in order to cover the balance of the costs to get the third part of the programme going. A good newspaper story coincided with the distribution of brochures among local business men about the proposed schools. Personal calls on numbers of Salisbury

businessmen by members of the committee brought in most of the local support.

The Community high school and the F(2) high school will include the standard courses of study with emphasis, of course, in the F(2) school toward vocational training. It is proposed that in the adult training school such courses as building, metal work, carpentry, domestic science, horticulture, auto mechanics, and other skill studies will be offered.

I recommend that the Rhodesia Annual Conference continue to support this programme looking toward more and more skill courses.

Respectfully submitted

E. Matzigkeit

Methodist Rural and Industrial Development

The Conference agricultural programmes were affected adversely by the excessive rains received early in the year. The Rural Development Committees for the South and North areas continue to function as working sub-committees for the Conference M. R. I. D. Committee. The emphasis on agricultural activities remains two-fold: to provide adequate training opportunities, and to produce income for the Conference.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, SOUTH

Old Umtali Farm: -

Legal water rights are now secure for this unit. Twenty acres of the Ngambi Farm were put into production for the benefit of the Conference finances, and this acreage will be increased to seventy acres in 1975.

The training programme continues to receive considerable support and interest as an ecumenical activity. The Christian Rural Development Foundation has requested that personnel be trained here to be used in activating twenty new training units under various denominations in Rhodesia.

Glenada

There is no problem on this farm. The area is suitable for the establishment of an F(2) School in connection with a forestry programme.

Arnoldine

Arnoldine has presented several problems on the irrigation plots. Technically, these problems can be solved, but the people involved have not seriously considered its development and potential.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, NORTH

Nyadiri Ranching Project

During this year this unit has been concerned with cattle-raising, dry-land farming, and irrigated gardens. The biggest problem was the lack of developmental funds.

Contract ploughing and woodcutting have been carried on primarily as a community service, difficulties in these activities must receive continued consideration to meet existing needs and at the same time be conducted in the best interests of the Conference as a whole.

Dendera Development

The work in this programme was adversely affected by the excessive rains which depleted the local food supply, and also by military activity due to political confrontation. However, in spite of adversity, the Church has been able to assist many people in their time of trial through medical, agricultural, literacy, and vocational programmes.

Interest in new methods and procedures by local farmers has increased tremendously in the past year, and new areas of service have been added. The public health nurse is now a reality, and should fill an important need in the community.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Due to the uncertainty of the area of responsibility by the Land Agents, Station Executives, and Board of Trustees for the administration of Conference lands, it is requested that this situation be clarified as soon as possible.

2. BOFAC is asked to appoint a representative of the agricultural programme to sit as a member of this Committee to advise on the administration of agricultural programmes.

3. Permission is requested to receive funds from the Christian Rural Development Foundation to establish the small animal training units at Mutambara and Nyadiri in the event these funds are made available for this purpose.

4. A multiple-use agriculture unit should be established at Nyadiri Centre to utilize the lands in an economic manner, produce food for existing institutions, and preserve the existing water rights. This unit should combine cattle production and dry-land farming with an irrigation project on the acreage for which the water rights are in hand.

T. R. Roberts — Secretary

Medical Activities Report, 1974

People present: Mr. R. Chimhanda, Mr. L. Munjoma, Rev. L. Nyanungo, Mrs. E. Musumhi, Miss B. Wilson and Dr. D. Rudy.

1. Prayer, Mr. Munjoma, 2. Minutes of Executive Medical Board of June, 1974 and December 1974, 3. Discussions arising from Minutes:

We will have a serious doctor shortage after mid-1975. Dr. Frewing is leaving Nyadiri in May. Also Dr. Rudy leaves in May. Dr. Kadenge is to continue studies until July and then he will be asked by Bishop to consider helping us at Nyadiri. A volunteer doctor may be at Mutambara until July and then no doctor as far as we know now. Also any continuity in doctor staff probably will be coming from local national doctors. Let us raise up our sons to be challenged to work as doctors in our hospitals!

Nyadiri Hospital financial report was discussed and many aspects of the problem was discussed. More and more we must look to local funds for support as overseas money is cut.

Perhaps to involve the Conference more we should put "Hospital Sunday" on the Church Calendar once again for publicity and gifts to our hospitals.

The finances are so serious at Nyadiri that in the near future that hospital may take a large percentage of BOFAC money. Do we really want to pour so much money into our medical work? Should we not begin to think of alternate ways of supporting these very expensive hospitals — suggestions were made e.g. all persons should be required to pay the basic medical fees regardless of their status in the Conference. i.e. Ministers. The retired ministers would not be required to pay the doctor's fees. Also we could invite the Ministry of Health to take over Administration and the paying of salaries, etc. at Nyadiri with the assumption our personnel would be given appointment considerations. And, finally another suggestion was to close one of our hospitals because there is not adequate finances to support three hospitals. These suggestions are for your thinking on this very serious matter of finances in our hospitals.

We then discussed our nurses training school at Nyadiri.

1. To whom does the nursing school belong, the Conference or the District? The answer is the Conference.

2. How shall students be chosen? Strictly on a merit system.

(1) Academic Qualifications, (2) Suitability to nursing, (3) Church membership, remembering this is the day of ecumenism. (4) Area of Conference the student comes from.

3. Who should be on the nursing school Advisory Board? Ideally this should be Conference-wide but this is not practical so the Board recommends that it consist of local people and the local medical senior staff.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

1. School Insurance fees will remain at \$2,00 per student per year.
2. All salary increments at present have a five year limit.
3. Membership in ARCH will depend on the individual hospital.
4. Vehicles—ambulances will be on a strict accounting system at 15 cents per mile starting 1st January, 1975.

OLD UMTALI HOSPITAL REPORT, 1974

The year has seen the completion of the hospital kitchen and dining room built with Beit Trust funds. Medical work was hampered by the lack of a doctor and lack of money. Maternity continued as the busiest department. Babyfold had 42 admissions, more than in any previous year, but of these 16 babies died. All five district clinics did an excellent work in providing needed health care in rural areas.

MUTAMBARA HOSPITAL REPORT, 1974

This year Mutambara Hospital has seen its building programme dream come true with the completion of a new clinic, laboratory X-ray-theatre unit, and renovations of a TB unit and a hospital kitchen. The only other building contemplated is an ablution block for the out-patients and their families.

Beit Trust helped renovate the two houses above. The new clinic and X-Ray-lab-theatre building was given a 50% grant from the Ministry of Health and the remaining moneys came from American donors.

We thank God and all the people involved in providing us with a very fine hospital. We now have a hospital for which the entire conference can be proud.

Looking ahead, we see financial and doctor problems, but these can and will be overcome.

Respectfully,
Donald B. Rudy, M.D.

NYADIRI HOSPITAL REPORT, 1974

Despite all its problems, Nyadiri has continued in its traditional manner to offer service to the many fine people in this area and to offer training to some 70 young nurses. Statistics will show that the number of in-patients has fallen a little but that the number of out-patients and maternity cases is increased.

Personnel has changed. For a time there was a shortage of "staff nurses," medical assistants, as the young girls departed for better salaries or more attractive environment. Departure of Dr. and Mrs. Sadza in January was a deep loss. Dr. and Mrs.

Stone left the Conference in June. Sister Marti returned to Switzerland in September. Sister J. Knauer did not return from vacation-leave in October. Sister Lindgren filled in as Matron until on leave in April. Since then Sister M. Brun has been doing the matron duties. Sister Maungaidze has headed the MATS since Sister Knauer's departure. We hope for arrival within a few weeks of a Sister-Tutor from Liberia to head MATS until the arrival of another Sister-Tutor later in the year from Norway.

Financial problems are a burning issue and have continued to plague the hospital. In part this is because overseas and BOFAC support has decreased while costs have increased due to inflation, unfavourable exchange, etc. However, poor management policies have not given early warning of pending financial trouble and the hospital has been permitted to go in debt beyond all reason. Currently, there is outstanding indebtedness of over \$25,000,00 most of which is long overdue. Within the next few weeks many of these accounts will have to be referred to Conference for payment unless there is a massive infusion of overseas support. A programme of stringent economy has been instituted.

As the result of Cabinet action the post of Hospital Administrator was abolished as of 20 November, 1974. Latest information is that trained hospital administrator will take over finances in early 1975.

Hospital building and equipment have been without adequate maintenance. We have been without X-ray equipment since February. New X-ray machine is in Salisbury but we have no funds to pay for it. Patients have been taken to Mtoko Hospital by ambulance when X-rays are necessary — an expensive substitute. New maternity building has progressed until now the walls are placed. Contract requires completion before January 1975. Finance for this building seems assured from separate funds.

There is great need for a dormitory for the Aides and working girls. Further housing is needed for staff nurses. The old buildings now being used seem beyond reasonable repair. Government has offered a 50% grant if we can find matching funds for a new boiler for our steam supply, kitchen, laundry and operating room sterilizer.

Urgent need for African Matron and African Doctor is recognized and as soon as proper persons can be located and their salaries funded, they should be hired. Unless another doctor can be provided by June 1st, Dr. Johnson will once again be left

to carry on alone. Actually the hospital needs three doctors at all times.

Through these difficult times I would give special recognition to the loyal staff who has continued to work hard to maintain the high standards of service at Nyadiri Hospital.

H. Leslie Frewing, M.D.

Medical Superintendent — Pro-tem.

UNITED METHODIST DENTAL CLINIC, HIGHFIELD

The Methodist Dental Clinic has been open full-time during 1974. It has received no budget. The fees are low. The Swedish Methodist Church has filled in with money. People drink soft drinks too often and eat buns and other sweets also too often instead of eating nourishing food at proper times, so their teeth get rotten. People also do not do toothbrushing correctly or not at all, so their teeth get loose. Treating patients with toothache takes so much time that there is not enough time for all patients who want fillings.

Dr. Margret Nelvig, Dentist.

Historical Committee Report

The Archives at Old Umtali are a valuable centre of research and we are glad to report that in 1974 three different groups of people were able to make use of them in their researches. We wish to express our deep gratitude to Rev. Samuel Munjoma for taking care of the Archives during the past year.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1 We recommend that the Archives move to the new Conference Centre when it is built in Salisbury so that they may be readily available to a wider section of people. In the meantime the Pastor at Old Umtali should continue to be responsible for the Archives for a small allowance of \$60,00 per year. We ask BOFAC to meet this allowance.

2 We ask the Chairman of the Historical Committee to contact Mrs. Sells regarding the book she is writing on the history of the United Methodist Church in Rhodesia.

3 We recommend that a photograph of all delegates and Ministers at each annual conference appear in the Conference Journal together with that of the Bishop and Conference Secretary.

Respectfully submitted

C. Mukasa (Secretary)

A. Dangarembga (Chairman)

Shona Language Study Report

We are indeed happy with the DeWolfs who showed real interest in studying Shona at Nyakatsapa in 1974.

We of the Shona Language Study Committee feel very happy to see the opportunity for language study at Nyakatsapa being used.

Nyakatsapa offers advantages for those who are earnest to learn Shona. We have appreciated the use of a house there during this last year. In order that missionaries speak Shona fluently, we recommend that:

1. Every circuit and district organize Shona Language Committees patterned after the Conference Shona Language Committee.

The work of these local committees would be as follows: -

- (a) To encourage respect for the Shona Language in the local Church Communion and high standards of Shona in Worship and teaching within the church.

- (b) To give special attention to theological and religious terms and ritual, to see what classical Shona terms can be used in Christian Worship.

- (c) To study traditional Shona Culture, dances, social relations, customs, etc, and consider how the life of the church can be more in helping preserve Shona Culture.

- (d) In circuits where missionaries and other non-Shona speakers belong, that assistance be given to these church members to continue Shona Study and to provide individual assistance at church meetings to help these members follow and appreciate the services carried in Shona.

Sometimes special members can be appointed to individual non-Shona speakers to help in these objectives.

2. As the director travels about, she should try and promote the formation of these committees.

Submitted by

Rev. Elisha Kuwana — Chairman

Rev. Morgan J. Muchanyerei — Secretary

Stewardship Report

During this Annual Conference various reports will indicate that the giving of gifts — cash and crops — by congregations in all districts probably has been better than in any previous year. Various factors could be mentioned. In brief, some of the key recommendations from the Consultation on Stewardship and Finance have been implemented. To be specific, the renewed interest in pledging and the emphasis on Harvest Sunday have borne fruit. Increasingly, people are making their pledge,

their covenant, based on ability rather than all members giving the same. Secondly, the giving of gifts is systematic and in most cases this is every month. Such a stewardship programme is in keeping with Paul's statement to the Corinthians concerning their contributions. "On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and store it up, as he may prosper (1st Corinthians 16: 2)." This pattern was introduced with renewed spirits this year and the response is encouraging.

Secondly, as churches and circuits responded with "Kuronga" to the Harvest Sunday and using this as an opportunity of "celebration" to God, the reports indicate how in this occasion was a spiritual blessing for many. Measured in terms of giving, more than \$6,000 was raised in the churches of the Conference.

Stewardship indeed is more than money. It includes how we respond in our total living — time, talent, and possession — to God's love. However, as we use "mari" as a way of reflecting our response to "Mwari," several suggestions are made for what we could call the Church of 1975.

Five points are suggested: -

1. The need to choose with care our leaders in church finance still applies. As was said last year, "money put into poor hands produces poor results."

2. The discipline of establishing budgets at the beginning of the year plus the careful accounting of money during the year at both local church and circuit level does encourage trust. This plan of organizing enables people to see and to open the doors for a greater willingness to give.

3. Systematic meetings of the District Finance Committee with the proper "follow-up" to the weak churches and circuits along with printed reports should be adopted by all districts.

4. The new emphasis on pledging according to ability, and the new effort on Harvest Sunday with an emphasis on celebration has begun with many circuits and churches. However, many congregations have not yet adopted the recommendations of the Consultation.

5. Many churches have moved from the "Garai pasi Church" to become the "Simukai Church." They are now in a position to become the "Fambayi Church" as congregations have discovered a new potential in Christian giving. Therefore, it is recommended that we now introduce what may be called an "Advance Special Programme," or "Kupa Kuripamusoro." In this programme, churches and circuits may give to approved projects beyond their own church and circuit programmes. There has of course been in the past the invitation to give to Ngariende and the Tsopotsa Scholarship. However, if five or

six projects could be established and listed under "Kupa kuripamusoro," and churches and circuits invited to give beyond their local needs and beyond their assessments, this step of giving beyond ourselves in our growing United Methodist Church would be encouraged. At the next Annual Conference, a listing could be made of those churches and circuits who have reached out in this new way to be churches in mission — listed as the "Fambayi Church." The four approved projects within this Conference are:

- (1) Maramba-Pfungwe Circuit
- (2) Chikwizo Circuit
- (3) Rupinda Circuit
- (4) Nyadiri Hospital Chaplain

Gifts for these projects should be marked "Kupa Kuripamusoro" and sent to the Conference Treasurer.

Charles M. Miller.

Board of the Ministry

(See also Part IV, Disciplinary Questions 8-24)

The Board has met both in full session and in committee several times during the past year in order to care for the relationship of all Ministers of our Church and to help in the task of preparing candidates for the Ministry.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OF MINISTERS:

The sub-committee authorised last year by the Board has been organised and has met on several occasions. All requests from Ministers concerning educational items (i.e., scholarships, short courses, correspondence courses, advanced level education, educational advice, etc.) should now be sent to Dr. M. Culver Epworth Theological College, P. O. Box 97H, Hatfield, Salisbury.

It may be well to report that finance at this time does not permit the Board to grant scholarships for private studies and/or examination fees. However, we are at present awaiting receipt from overseas a small amount of funds which might be designated for the Theological Training Fund. The Sub-Committee would be very interested to know which Ministers are engaged in private studies and requests to be notified when Ministers have passed exams.

ITEMS CONCERNING EPWORTH: -

1. The cost of maintaining our students at Epworth in 1975 has increased from that of last year. First there is a flat fee per participating churches of \$1 200. For each single student we must pay \$600, for each married student \$900 and for each child \$65. (To help off-set this cost, the Board has the policy

of requiring those students entering in 1974 and subsequently to be responsible for a yearly payment of \$60,00 of their fees to the Treasurer, Rhodesia Annual Conference, P. O. Box 3408, Salisbury. When the Treasurer receives these payments they should be credited to Theological Training Fund.)

CANDIDATES ACCEPTED FOR EPWORTH 1975

2. The Board has accepted two candidates for Training for the United Methodist Ministry at Epworth Theological College. They are Misheck Katsidzira entering the Standard course and Miss Sheila Mtasa entering the Diploma programme.

EXTENSION WORK: Epworth Theological College has approved an extension programme for continuing education for the Ministry. It includes:-

1. Correspondence course for Diploma in Theology.
2. Short Courses to be held in various centres and conducted by the College Staff.
3. One subject correspondence courses in Theology.

(Announcement concerning this new programme will be made to all churches)

CONFERENCE COURSE OF STUDY

The Board was pleased to note the successful completion of the entire Conference Course by Edward Chapata, Nisbert Dziwa and Lazarus Kasiyamhuru. Therefore, these three men having been recommended by their D. S.'s are nominated by the Board for reception into full connection and for election into the order of Elder (itinerant). The passing of these men leaves only one student in the course of study, viz, Kaiboni Nkomo. Mr. Nkomo is reportedly making quite satisfactory progress.

PROBATIONARY MEMBERS:

Having examined the life, character, suitability for the ministry, of following graduates from Theological Training schools, the Board recommends them for reception as PROBATIONARY MEMBERS ON TRIAL in the Annual Conference and to election to the Order of Deacon (itinerant) in the United Methodist Church:- Shirley Culver DeWolf, Elias Nhamoinesu Mumbiro, Eben Kanukayi Nhiwatiwa.

MINISTERIAL PREPARATION:

1. *George Magamba*: The Board recommended that this young man continue his studies in an effort to complete "O" level Certification before appearing before the Board for admission to Epworth. He should work together with the sub-committee on continuing Education.

2. *Aaron Madondo*: The Board was pleased to meet Mr. Madondo and after examining his ability, life and character recommended him to Cabinet as a Supply Pastor. He is a Graduate of Rusitu Bible Institute, having completed a three year course, and is a long time member of the United Methodist Church. It is hoped that Mr. Madondo may use his time wisely working with the Sub-Committee in private studies in order to qualify for admission to Epworth.

EFFECTIVE STATUS OF MINISTERS:

1. *Kenneth Choto*: The Board affirms that the retirement date from the active itinerant ministry for Rev. Choto should be at the end of 1975 at the next Annual Conference.

2. *Henry Gwinyai Muzorewa*: The Board acknowledges the transfer of Rev. H. G. Muzorewa effective 1975. (He was ordained Deacon and accepted as a Probationary member in the Wisconsin Conference in 1974)

WORD OF THANKS: In closing the Board would like to express our thanks and appreciation to the Rev. Samuel Munjoma, Chairman of the previous Board, for his devoted service, wise counsel and dedicated leadership of the Board over a number of years.

Josiah Kurewa — Chairperson

Joseph B. Bisby — Secretary

Worship and Music Report 1974

CHURCH MUSIC SERVICE

No better satisfaction can be felt by anyone than when aims and objectives that had been set are finally met.

This is the case with Church Music Service and we are grateful to those who continue to encourage the use of African Culture and Music in our Worship services in addition to the traditional order of worship. This encourages full congregational participation in cultural forms that are tied to traditional shona cultural life.

When one sits back and compares the use of "hosho" and "ngoma" in relation to the early 60's, it is obvious there is a vast improvement in their use and control. The reception of these instruments by the people is gaining respect and meaning. *Visits*: - The Church Music Service met its commitments by attending to the following invitations: -

R.R.W. Annual Meeting South

M.M.C. Annual Meeting South

U.M.Y.F. Annual Meeting South

U.M.Y.F. Annual Meeting Conference

and a number of revival meetings.

The Annual meeting of Conference U.M.Y.F. was given a project on "hosho" making which the Service could help in finding buyers.

Ecumenical Relations: - At their own expense Bonda High School benefitted from the service for a week-end learning new traditional songs for use in their Worship Services.

The Lutherans also invited the Director for a week to help teach about 100 participants at the United College of Education in Bulawayo. This was also at their own expense.

The Ecumenical Arts Association has continued to use our services. However, we still hope that our church members may continue to come in bigger numbers than at present. We are grateful to those churches which sponsored their Choir Directors and Pastors to attend, for this is the only way we can help spread the artistic way of expressing ourselves in worship.

The All Africa Church Conference is putting more emphasis on the indigenisation of the worship service. Many denominations are actively participating in this venture. A Conference is being planned to discuss ways and means of promoting it throughout Africa. A committee has been set up to prepare the programme.

The Ecumenical Arts Workshop will be held on the 20th April to the 27th April, 1975, possibly at the United College at the rate of \$12,00 for the week.

It is appreciated that some churches are beginning to devote some special sessions to learning new songs in their local churches.

It is hoped that in order to know how much progress is being made in each church and what activities have been carried out during the year, some forms will be sent to pastors and Choir Directors. Please see that they are filled in and sent back promptly.

It was noted that there has been a steady improvement in the church worship in general. As such we commend our ministers and choir directors for working together to make this possible.

P. Matsikenyiri

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. There has been a noted improvement on the use and control of "hosho" in church music. We wish to further recommend that the type of "hosho" to be used be those of the gourd type.

2. Since the director of the Church Music, Mr. P. Matsikenyiri, has had a wide experience and contact with people from other denominations, it would be advisable for our districts to invite him to their District meetings.

3. This committee wishes to make it clear that the need for the music edition of our Hymn Book is terribly overdue. We would urge those concerned with the publication of the same Hymn Book to publish it as soon as possible. It has also been brought to our attention that there is a great need to reprint the present Hymn Book since the new one is still two years away. As such we approve the reprint of the present hymn book.

Ben Jambga (Chairman)

Lancelot Dikito (Secretary)

The Board of Lay Activities

1. It was brought to our attention that there is a problem in some of our mission schools where children are being forced to attend council schools instead of the nearby mission schools. We recommend that our Head Office arrange to meet the chiefs of the areas concerned in an effort to reach a mutual understanding.

2. The "DISTRICT COUNCIL" is a committee that helps and works with the D.S. We urge that there be such a Committee in every district as it appeared some districts did not seem to have any.

3. RUKWADZANO/WABVUWI—Vs—KUCHATA MUCHECHI

After a brief but heated discussion on this subject, it was agreed that time has come to take a serious study of Muchato and what it means in the African life and culture and how it relates in the indigenous church of today and tomorrow. We wish for the Chair to appoint a Committee for this study who would report at next Annual Conference, 1976. (See p. 155 1974 Journal and add "Mrs. James Makawa and Mrs. Maurice Culver")

4. The Tsopotsa Scholarship fund has been declining e.g.
1973 collections were \$334,00
1974 collections were \$278,00

The meeting voted to set a minimum Annual budget of \$1,000. and to assess this amount according to Districts; as follows: -

Umtali South	28%	\$280.00
Mutasa-Makoni	26%	260.00
Sby.-Byo.	21%	210.00
Mrewa	15%	150.00
Mtoko-Nyadiri	10%	100.00
		1000.00

5. Board of Lay Activity wishes to accept and support the proposed minimum salary scales for 1975.

6. Board of Lay Activity presents 1975 nominations for Conference Lay Leader as follows:

Mr. W. Marima

Mr. N. Kaseke

Submitted by

W. Marima (Chairman)

B. Jambga (newly elected secretary)

Conference Lay Leader's Report

Let me start my report with three phrases from St. Matthew 2: 9. Quote "and on their way they (wise or laity) saw the star—the same one they had seen in the east — it went ahead of them." They could not go on without the light from the star. The wise men saw the star. What are the stars of all laity of this Conference? The simple answer is ALL OUR MINISTERS ARE LAY MEN'S STARS. A Circuit which does not look at the star (minister) well will always walk in darkness.

VISITATION: I have visited the following districts: Umtali South, Mrewa, Mtoko-Nyadiri, Salisbury-Bulawayo and Mtasa-Makoni. I also visited some circuits and local churches. I attended the following Annual Conferences or meetings: M.U. M.C., U.M.Y.F., R.R.W. May our good God speak to His people through these church societies.

LAY MEN'S TRAINING SCHOOLS: The B.O.L.A. Executive members led these schools. They were fruitful to the laity. On behalf of the District Lay Leaders, I must thank all those members who participated in these lay schools. We would like these schools to be continued in 1975.

MEETINGS OR COMMITTEES: I attended all meetings called for, such as BOFAC meetings, Conference Committee Meetings, a Consultation held at Ranche House College and Home and Family Life Conference held at the University of Rhodesia.

DISTRICTS: The laity of the five districts are under the good leadership of (a) Salisbury-Bulawayo: Mr. I. Musamba. He is a blessing to the district, (b) Mtoko-Nyadiri District: Mr. T. Gwati, an experienced devoted Lay Leader, (c) Umtali South District: Mr. M. Mataranyika. Another blessing to this District. (d) Mrewa District: Mr. N. Kaseke, a devoted and story-telling Lay Leader. He is the Vice Conference Lay Leader who visited some of the districts on my behalf. (e) Mtasa-Makoni District, Mr. N. Gandanzara the MP, a well-devoted District Lay Leader. We have visited the districts and circuits and conducted meetings and trained laity in their duties.

CHURCH SOCIETIES: All church societies such as M.U.M.C., R.R.W., U.M.Y.F., are on duty everywhere in our conference. The M.U.M.C. and U.M.Y.F. need some encouragement financially. On behalf of the BOLA Executive I would like to thank the churches for taking over some of the clubs as church clubs.

LAY ACTIVITIES IN DISTRICTS: - In some circuits new church buildings and parsonages are under construction and others are already dedicated. This year the Botswana Fund has been boldly pushed through by some of the districts or circuits. The Conference Assessment share of the past three years was attacked by circuits with very high effort. My financial report will give you the full meaning of the laity functions. However for the first time in history the BOFAC sat down and looked at the figures raised from our Conference members as Conference assessment or other means. The sum was distributed to our work in Rhodesia. Will you help me in clapping hands for the good work which was done by the laity who are here and those at home?

WEAKNESSES: - I would like to draw the attention of the Conference on the following items which we are not doing as we should do.

- (a) Student Loan Fund.
- (b) Tsopotsa Scholarship.
- (c) Ngariende.

Our contributions to these items is really shameful. The figures below will explain fully what I mean.

APPRECIATION: - On behalf of BOLA Executive and all laity of the United Methodist Church in Rhodesia, let me thank our 5 District Superintendents for the full cooperation they gave us in our work as laity and the pastors or "stars" for leading the way. Some Headmasters of Primary and High Schools, camped with us at all men's meetings and Lay Training Schools. Your presence encouraged most of us. Last but not least, let me thank our Good Bishop while he is still alive for leading the whole country into freedom. Will the Conference stand up and join me in clapping hands and "Mhururu" and give him a big cheer. May our God keep our Bishop fit and well.

IN LOW GEAR AND YET STRONG: 1975 is going to be one of the special years for all laity. It needs a new approach, some special preparations, well-devoted and dedicated leaders and members of each local church. **THE RISING OF THE COST OF LIVING IN ZIMBABWE FORCED US TO CHANGE OUR WAYS OF THINKING TOWARDS OUR FINANCES.** *Our Stars' Salaries (ministers) must rise too to meet the demands and needs of*

1975. I appeal to every lay person to double our pledges as from January 1975. I am happy that most of the laity, if not all accepted the new salary scale. May God bless your businesses, lands and your hearts. 1975 will need pushing, teaching persuading, and leadership which will be shown by action rather than talking only.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The pastoral support report will start from December 1973 through November 1974.

SALISBURY-BULAWAYO DISTRICT 100%

	FULL BUDGET	PAID	BAL.	DUE
Bulawayo Circuit	1188,00	1188,00		
Harare Circuit	2284,00	2284,00		
Highfield Circuit	1130,00	1130,00		
Mabvuku Circuit	1152,00	1152,00		
Mangula Circuit	952,00	952,00		
Marandellas Circuit	744,00	744,00		
Midlands Circuit	979,00	979,00		
Mufakose Circuit	1032,00	1032,00		
	9,461,00	9,461,00		

MTASA-MAKONI DISTRICT 100%

	BUDGET	PAID	BAL.	DUE
Chiduku North Circuit	600,00	600,00		
Chiduku South Circuit	888,00	888,00		
Gandanzara Circuit	660,00	660,00		
Inyanga Circuit	671,00	671,00		
Honde Circuit	605,00	605,00		
Makoni Circuit	1020,00	1020,00		
Mundenda-Penhalonga C.	708,00	708,00		
Nyakatsapa Circuit	960,00	960,00		
Rupinda Circuit	550,00	550,00		
Rusape-Chizawana C.	732,00	732,00		
Old Umtali Centre	1380,00	1380,00		
	8774,00	8,774,00		

MTOKO-NYADIRI DISTRICT 95%

	FULL BUDGET	PAID	BAL. DUE
Chikwizo Circuit	660,00	585,00	75,00
Dendera Circuit	681,00	681,00	
Mtoko East Circuit	1020,00	982,42	37,58
Mtoko North Circuit	572,00	572,00	
Mtoko South Circuit	1020,00	925,78	94,22
Mtoko West Circuit	1020,00	795,10	224,90
Nyadiri Circuit	850,00	850,00	
Nyamuzuwe Centre	1080,00	1080,00	
Nyadiri Centre	1020,00	1020,00	
	7923,00	7491,00	431,70

MREWA DISTRICT 94%

	FULL BUDGET	PAID	BAL. DUE
Mrewa Centre	983,00	983,00	
Chikore-Tanda Circuit	1020,00	979,29	40,71
Headlands Circuit	1020,00	1020,00	
Nhowe Circuit	720,00	630,00	90,00
Mrewa North Circuit	740,00	740,00	
Mrewa South Circuit	743,00	618,91	124,09
Mrewa East Circuit	1020,00	1020,00	
Mrewa West Circuit	1020,00	922,30	97,70
Maramba-Pfungwe Circuit	708,00	584,00	124,00
Uzumba Circuit	1020,00	970,00	50,00
	8994,00	8467,50	526,50

UMTALI SOUTH DISTRICT 100%

	FULL BUDGET	PAID	BAL. DUE
Mutambara Centre	1344,00	1344,00	
Marange North Circuit	875,00	875,00	
Marange West Circuit	600,00	600,00	
Marange Central Circuit	852,00	852,00	
Zimunya North Circuit	1020,00	1020,00	
Zimunya South Circuit	1020,00	1020,00	
Mutambara East Circuit	660,00	660,00	

Mutambara West Circuit	720,00	720,00
Mutambara South Circuit	744,00	744,00
Miller Memorial Circuit	2196,00	2196,00
Marange South Circuit	1020,00	1020,00

	12851,00	12851,00
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CONFERENCE	98%	48003,00	47044,80	958,20
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BOTSWANA FUND

Mtasa-Makoni District		138,00	138,00	100%
Mrewa District	1973—123			
	1974—138	261,95	268,45	100% plus
Mtoko-Nyadiri District				
	1973—178,50			
	1974—138,00	316,50	93,76	222,74 30%
Umtali South District				
	1973—239,25			
	1974—138,00	337,25	350,50	26,75 90%
Salisbury-Byo	1973—250,00			
	1974—138,00	388,00	388,00	100%
TOTAL	89%	1481,70	1274,71	

TSOPOTSA SCHOLARSHIP

Mtasa-Makoni District	85,00
Mrewa District	41,36
Mtoko-Nyadiri District	33,00
Umtali South District	17,66
Salisbury-Bulawayo District	101,00

TOTAL	278,02	1973
		14780

CONFERENCE ASSESSMENTS

Mtasa-Makoni District	43%	1812,45	785,00	1027,45
Mtoko-Nyadiri District	27%	2238,16	477,16	1761,00

Mrewa District	21.4%	1560,47	414,10	1146,37
Umtali South District	32%	3359,86	1072,28	2287,58
Salisbury-Byo District	81%	1184,75	958,42	226,33
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	37%	10155,69	3706,96	6448,73

CONCLUSION:

Let us all learn a simple lesson from a bird which sits on its eggs for twenty-one days turning them simultaneously until the temperature of life rises. Then a chick comes and refuses to be controlled or covered by a hard and bloodless shell but chooses to dominate the useless and lifeless shell. May all clergy continue sitting on our hearts until the germ of love and life in laity rises as Christians and refuses to be dominated by earthly forces.

By W. Fambai Marima (Conference Lay Leader)

Conference Lay Leader—Supplementary

Con. Ass. Loan 30% Tsop. Sch. Total

	%				
Umtali South	(28)	1456,00	436,80	280,00	2172,80
Mtasa-Makoni	(26)	1352,00	405,60	260,00	2017,60
Mtoko-Nyadiri	(11)	572,00	171,60	110,00	853,60
Mrewa	(17)	884,00	265,20	170,00	1319,20
Salisbury-Byo.	(18)	936,00	280,80	180,00	1396,80

* Total	100%	5200,00	1580,00	1000,00	7760,00
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REPORT OF SALARY SCALE COMMITTEE

Proposed New Salary Scale for Ministers—January 1975

Years of Service	Deaconess & Supply	Standard	Diploma
1	50,00	55,00 (OT)	(OT) 65,00
2	52,50	57,50	67,50
3	55,00	60,00 (FC)	(FC) 70,00
4	57,50	62,50	72,50
5	60,00	65,00	75,00
6	62,50	67,50	77,50
7	65,00	70,00	80,00
8	67,50	72,50	82,50
9	70,00	75,00	85,00

10	72,50	77,50	87,50
11	75,00	80,00	90,00
12	77,50	82,50	92,50
13	80,00	85,00	95,00
14	82,50	87,50	97,50
15	(Max) 85,00	90,00	100,00
16		92,50	102,50
17		95,00	105,00
18		97,50	107,50
19		100,00	110,00
20		102,50	112,50
21		105,00	115,00
22		107,50	120,00
23	(Max)	110,00	(Max) 125,00

Degrees

Years	B.A.	M.A.	M.Div.	D.Min.	Ph.D.
1	165	180	195	215	235
2	172,50	187,50	205	225	235
3	180	195	215	235	260
4	187,50	205	225	245	275
5	195	215	235	260	290
6	205	225	245	275	305
7	215	235	260	290	320
8	225	245	275	305	335
9	235	260	290	320	350
10	245	275	305	335	365
11	(Max) 260	(Max) 290	(Max) 320	(Max) 350	(Max) 380

Increment Scale

50,00x2,50 Increment	102,50	215,00
52,50	105,00	225,00
55,00	107,50	235,00
57,50	110,00	245,00x\$15 Increment
60,00	112,50	260,00
62,50	165,00x7,50 Increment	275,00
65,00	120,00	290,00
67,50	125,00	305,00
70,00	130,00	320,00
72,50	135,00	335,00
75,00	140,00	350,00
77,50	145,00	365,00
80,00	150,00	380,00
82,50	155,00	395,00
85,00	160,00	410,00
87,50	115,00x\$5 Increment	425,00
90,00	172,50	440,00x\$20 Increment
92,50	180,00	460,00

95,00	187,50	480,00
97,50	195,00x\$10 Increment	500,00
100,00	205,00	

Board of Trustees Report 1974

In addition to the Board of Trustees meeting held at the time of the 1974 Annual Conference, there have been 4 additional meetings during the year. This is an indication of the increasing amount of legal matters that the Board is called upon to deal with. The major items handled by the Board during the year are as follows:

Land Purchase: Salisbury: Working in coordination with BOFAC the Board of Trustees contracted to buy a piece of property in Salisbury which will be the future site of the Conference Headquarters. Construction of the project will move ahead when sufficient funds are on hand.

Sale of Property: Salisbury: In order to proceed with the construction of the Conference Headquarters building it was decided to sell the property owned by the Conference in Hatfield, Salisbury. This property had been transferred to the Annual Conference earlier in the year by the Board of Missions. Legal problems have been encountered but these are expected to be solved shortly so that the property can be sold. Buyers are already on hand to purchase this property. When at least \$20 000 is on hand then a bond will be arranged for the balance (\$30 000) so that the Headquarters project can proceed.

Glenada Farm: Negotiations are under way to have a wood-cutting contract with a neighbouring farmer. This will likely be exchanging for improvements to the school and other facilities at Glenada.

Arnoldine Tribute (Mining) Contract: Allied Copper Mining Company, with whom the Conference had a contract for mining copper at Arnoldine was taken over by Rhoprops. This company immediately decided to cancel the Arnoldine contract which, according to the contract, cannot be done until 3 years have passed. Our lawyers inform us that the Conference has a very good case from a legal point of view and the Board of Trustees is seeking the best possible terms in settling the dispute. The possibility is very strong that a court case will result.

Water Rights: The Government is reviewing all water rights and it is reported to the Board that most of our water rights are secure except for Mutambara. At Mutambara there will be additional development to save the 220 acres of water rights. (Only 50 acres are currently developed)

Arnoldine Irrigation Scheme: This scheme is now operational

and it is expected to get the final water right in March 1975. The Land Agent is working with the people at Arnoldine for the use of this scheme but if it is not used by the people there then the Board of Trustees will recommend that it be taken over and operated by the Conference.

Arnoldine Sand Contract: The Conference had a contract with Gemsbok Construction Co. for the removal of sand from Arnoldine. This contract proved to be unsatisfactory so the Conference cancelled it. However, the Board is in the process of negotiating a new contract with different terms.

Urban Housing (European Area): The Board recommends that Conference owned housing in the European area also be rented as on the centres. We suggest the rate used for taxes, Salisbury \$75, Rusape \$45, and Umtali \$65.

Sale of Property: We have given the approval for the sale of houses in the Urban European area if it is felt the funds can be used for better purposes. (i.e. Conference Administration Building)

Board of Communications

I. UMBOWO EDITOR'S REPORT ON ECUMENICAL DEVELOPMENT OF UMBOWO

Following my report on the meeting held in Kitwe, Zambia, on Christian periodicals the Board of Communications and Publications allowed me to explore the feasibility of making UMBOWO an ecumenical paper and, at the same time make inquiries for funds from overseas agencies to help develop the paper on ecumenical lines.

I contacted several churches in Rhodesia including the United Church of Christ (American Board), the Church of Christ (New Zealand) Evangelical Lutheran Church, the United Congregational Church of South Africa (UCCSA), the Presbyterian Church, African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Independent Church. Of the above churches the United Church of Christ voted to join UMBOWO, the Church of Christ (New Zealand) expressed interest but did not make definite decisions.

In June 1974 I convened a meeting where I invited churches to send delegates so that I could brief them on what was being envisaged in the ecumenical development programme. Although only a few delegates attended we had a fruitful meeting.

In August I convened a Seminar on the Ecumenical Development Programme (EDP). Two things emerged from the Seminar:

1. There is a growing need for an ecumenical paper in

Rhodesia that will serve as the voice of the churches on major issues of spiritual, social, moral, political etc nature.

2. Churches should be urged to participate in such a venture to ease the costs of printing and maintenance of the paper.

3. UMBOWO, because of its high secular content and the fact that UMBOWO is read across denominational lines was found to be the only paper in Rhodesia that could provide a convenient platform from which an ecumenical paper could be built.

FUNDS: UMBOWO being a UNITED Methodist owned paper could not be sponsored by agencies like the ACLD or JACLO, but because of the EDP that was being envisaged ACLD was able secure funds (US\$10 000 to help UMBOWO achieve full ecumenism. In addition INTERMEDIA in New York also promised to help UMBOWO EDP by promising to support UMBOWO Assistant Editor for the year 1975. Hence we were able to take in a member of the United Church of Christ which had voted to join the UMBOWO.

On September 10, 1974 I had a meeting with Dr. Charles Richards, Director of the Agency for Christian Literature Development, who is responsible for securing the grant for UMBOWO. The grant was offered by the Dutch Reformed Board of Missions in Holland. Dr. Richards, an experienced Christian communicator, praised UMBOWO for bringing the Evangelistic, Prophetic and Teaching gospel of Christ to liberate man from all forms of oppression. Even though UMBOWO was solely subsidized by the United Methodist Church it was now serving the Rhodesia society as a whole irregardless of any denominational bias.

UMBOWO has continued to be in great demand from all sections of the Rhodesian society irregardless of denomination, race etc. UMBOWO because of the increasing demand on it would need to be upgraded into possibly a weekly publication and its circulation raised considerably. This will call for a large subsidy, too large for the United Methodists alone to be able to meet.

I am therefore calling upon the Board members to accept the need for UMBOWO to serve the Rhodesian public by allowing the paper to operate on full ecumenical lines as proposed by the Christian Council of Rhodesia.

Stanford Mukasa, Editor.

II. PRESS MANAGER'S REPORT ON

RHODESIA MISSION PRESS OPERATIONS

For the period—June 20, 1974 through December 30, 1974.

Firstly, a great big THANK YOU for a very cooperative staff.

This includes Umbowo staff as well. Taking control of a very difficult situation would have been almost impossible except for the untiring assistance of Mr. S. Sithole.

A major portion of this report centres around the financial progress and problems of the Press for the six and one-half months period since June 20. It is estimated that it could take up to two years for the Press to recover from its disastrous position of last June.

General Comments on Items from the Trial Balance

A. OUR DEBTS: On June 20, 1974 the Press debts and liabilities owed to others totaled \$7267, and we had only \$835 in cash at Old Umtali Central Office. Those suppliers whom we did not owe had taken a very cautious position and were demanding cash with each order. To get out of this bad situation, we:

(i) Withdrew final balance in CABS Machinery depreciation Fund —	\$1416
(ii) Borrowed from Staff Notation Hymnal Fund — BOFAC approved	3500
(iii) Were given by Conference treasurer from Zisengwe pension fund	\$1112
Add cash on hand at June 20	\$ 835
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	\$6863

By August 1, we had paid off the supply houses. Some of the bills were for goods received 18 months earlier. We didn't have to repay the Baptist Mission people until November which gave us some time to recover. Our credit standing has been re-established with creditors and we are now paying our accounts within 30 days, gaining the 2½% discount allowed by some supply houses.

B. SALES: It is very encouraging that work keeps coming in from many directions, so that we have been very busy for the entire six and a half months. We are hampered by the difficulty in getting paper (except newsprint) for book printing, and have lost the order of 10,000 hymn books which the Baptist Mission had ordered. We found upon recalculating, that we could not produce their order at the price quoted in March. Further we had not received a firm commitment from any supplier for paper for that job. Upon raising the quotation, at the same time we gave the Baptist Mission the choice of having their \$30005.52 refunded. After much consideration they did request the refund which we sent to them in November. However we are not too discouraged, as numbers of other jobs have

been coming in, and also we will do another printing of Katekizima soon.

Gross sales for the period averaged \$1316 per month.

C. PURCHASES: These days it takes much more time to make purchases as one has to spend time shopping until one finds what he needs. Sometimes we don't find it. And because of the inflationary spiral, each month one has to accept less goods for the same money than the month before.

D. PRESENT CASH POSITION: According to central office, we had \$2144 at the end of day December 27th. But of course we have not yet paid anything toward the 10% Publishing Fund, we have nothing in the Depreciation Account, the stocks of Ngoma as well as other supplies have decreased, and we haven't paid any money against the \$3500 loan. We are committed to begin in February with payments of \$200 per month by Board action. We also should be accumulating a fund of cash as stocks of Ngoma go down.

E. AMOUNTS OWING TO RHODESIA MISSION PRESS: The total debtors rises and falls. On June 20 the auditor reported that \$1746,89 was owed to us. December 30 \$1584 is owed to RMP. Some months the figure is higher and sometimes lower. We do strongly remind customers whether they be DSs, ministers, or heads of departments that 30 days only is the normal length of time within which people are expected to pay their accounts — not 4 months, 6 or 12 months. Because some people disregard this normal business practice, we do often have to ask for cash with order.

The account of Mushandirapamwe, approx. \$220, has been turned over to a lawyer for collection as they do not respond. UMBOWO's debt is by far the largest. The amount owed including the printing of the December issue (but not the January issue) stands at \$592.65. The invoice for the January issue has not yet been submitted to Umbowo. Unfortunately the money promised from outside sources for UMBOWO is much slower in coming than was expected and budgeted for.

We are endeavouring to put the Press on a sound financial footing. In as much as we are living on borrowed money, we cannot allow long term credit. We must have money to pay back the loan; we must have money to buy paper for the next printing of Ngoma which should begin within 6 months, not to mention salaries, other expenses, and other publications. We therefore appeal to all customers not to buy more than they can pay for promptly.

F. EXPENSES: (Explanation of some of the larger amounts).

1 *Repairs of Staff Workers Houses* has cost approx. \$450. This included patching up leaks in walls, at the tops of walls, cracks in floors, a stove repair, construction of a verandah roof, cement work to prevent water washing in through the door of one house, and painting of 5 houses and the room of one single worker. Repairs seem to be a constant expense as three of the houses are brought up to standard. Two houses still need kitchen sinks with water piped in and drains dug.

2 *Travel Expense* of approx. \$300 consists mostly of travel for the manager back and forth from Mrewa, and travel presently from Umtali to Old Umtali.

3 *Salaries*: This expense of \$2075.22 since June 1st through December will be more in the months ahead. Some workers will receive increments at the end of January, and two workers should be given more to bring them closer to the COL (cost of living).

G. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

1. The Machinery and Equipment Depreciation Fund should be re-established right away. It could take many months to build this fund up to replace only one major piece of equipment. The Fund has been used several times in recent years to cover for emergency cash shortages, and these withdrawals should be considered as money borrowed.

2. The Present Cash includes cash belonging to the Car Fund.

3. The stock control system is not up-to-date, so we waste much time. This is gradually being built to be a useful tool in management.

4. Our cost accounting system needs to be reviewed right away, though this takes hours of calculating. The use of the stitcher, paper cutter, and folding machine presently have no charges added to them beyond the cost of labour and general overheads, so there is nothing being earned presently by the use of these machines toward depreciation and eventual replacement.

5. We are facing some competition from another printer in Salisbury.

Respectfully submitted,
Everett Matzigkeit

III. MARKET SQUARE BOOKROOM REPORT.

At the beginning of 1974 it was anticipated that Mr. Christopher Mushambi would be joining the Literature distribution programme at Market Square Bookroom when he completed

his training in bookselling in Malawi and England under the programme organized and supported by ACLD. However, Mr. Mushambi decided to stay in London at his own expense to pursue further training before his return. In letters sent to the Bishop and to the Board he made it clear that he did not expect the Board to hold a position for him, but hoped that further training would make him more useful to the Church if his services should be needed when he returns.

The Bookroom was able to obtain the services of Mr. Goodwell Mberi. During the third school term of this year the manager, Rev. M. Ball was called to fill a vacancy in the Teacher's College at Nyadiri and Mr. Mberi kept the Bookroom going by managing the cash sales of the store almost alone.

The following table illustrates the pattern of sales at the Bookroom by recording the net profits for 6 month periods over a three year period:

Year	January-June period	July-Dec. Period
1972	\$145,00	\$ 74,00
1973	633,00	333,00
1974	229,00	22,00

Although there is a final balance of \$22,00 plus for this year after all current bills are paid, there is a disturbing loss in the inventory balance (-\$1219,00). There are a number of reasons why it would be necessary to raise prices if we want to carry on the Bookroom. Rent has increased by 75% but sales have dropped by 40%. The sales of last 6 month period may reflect a general economic pattern in the country.

IV. SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF COMMUNICATIONS AND ITS EXECUTIVE DURING 1974.

A. *Executive meeting at Hilltop Centre, 5th July:*

1. The Board of Communications executive approved the action referred to them by BOFAC for the loan of \$3500,00 from the Music edition of Ngoma account. The approval was made with the stipulations that (a) the loan be paid back in monthly instalments of \$150,00 per month beginning 30th September and (b) that the Press make \$650,00 of this loan available to *Umbowo* to be paid back to the press by the 4th Quarter *Umbowo* budget.

2. The executive recommended that an advance of the 3rd Quarter budget be made to *Umbowo* to pay off the overdraft at the Old Umtali Central Book-keeping department.

It was further recommended that if no other funds can be found that Umbowo print a combined September-October issue as an announcement of a temporary discontinuation of Umbowo for a period of time to make full preparations for a new ecumenical Umbowo.

An advisory committee was named to work with Umbowo consisting of: Rev. W. Mutamba, Rev. Frank Messenger, Mr. Obert Mhere, and Mr. Everett Matzigkeit.

3. With the probability that the Market Square Bookroom would not be maintained after the completion of the new Conference Centre on Sinoia St., the executive committee encourages Rev. Marcia Ball to approach the Christian Council of Rhodesia to see what plans may be in the future for an ecumenical venture in book distribution.

The cost of the unmarked issues of soft covered *Ngoma* must be increased from 71c to 75c with tax in order to make the necessary contribution to the publications revolving fund. (see 1974 Journal p.72, No. IIB.)

B. Executive meeting with Dr. Doris Hess, Office of Communications of the Board of Global Ministries, New York held at the Bishop's Office, Salisbury, 26th August:

1. Dr. Hess was very pleased with the efforts of Mr. Mukasa towards developing an ecumenical Umbowo (see 1974 Journal, p.75, IIF, last sentence). She expressed the hope that eventually the Roman Catholic Church could also join in this ecumenical effort. Dr. Hess felt it was very important to continue the regular publication of Umbowo until such a time as an ecumenical paper is established. She encouraged the Board to try to obtain United Methodist financial support for the wiping out of all debts and the continuation of the present paper on a sound financial basis. This would make it possible to enter into an ecumenical venture without embarrassment. Money from non-denominational sources, such as ACLD, could then be sought for financing an ecumenical venture. Special proposals were worked out at this meeting for submission to the September meeting of the Board of Communications and the October meeting of BOFAC (see below).

2. Dr. Hess emphasized the need to begin thinking now in a broader way about a multi-media approach to Christian communications. The example was given of Multi-media Zambia. Multi-media production is also being developed in Kenya.

C. Board of Communications meeting at St. Mark's United Methodist Church Hall, Highfield, 14th September:

1. The following recommendations by the Board of Com-

munications were later approved by the BOFAC meeting of the 3rd and 4th October:

(a) That the Christopher Mushambi Bookmanager Fund of \$1220,97 be transferred to Umbowo. (Dr. Hess had advised that if in the future occasion should arise for supporting either Mr. Mushambi or a similarly trained person, a new asking could be made to New York for such a fund.)

(b) That the Board be allowed to raise \$800,00 (R) in the United States and Europe from United Methodist Church sources to wipe out the deficit and continue publication of Umbowo in 1974.

(c) That funds for the support of the new Umbowo sub-editor received from Intermedia, New York be released as they come in. Miss Mwanyanya Dhliwayo, the new sub-editor, has just completed a journalism course at the African Literature Centre, Kitwe, and comes highly recommended by the director, Mr. E. Makunike.

(b) That \$200,00 being sent to Umbowo from the Agency for Christian Literature (ACLD) in London for expenses involved in developing Umbowo into an ecumenical paper. Expenses envisaged are that of the cost of seminars, travel, and meetings related to building up such an ecumenical venture.

2. BOFAC at its October meeting did not finalize action on the following requests sent from the 14th September meeting of the Board of Communications:

(a) That the \$10,000 pledged to an ecumenical Umbowo ACLD be made available as it is received. BOFAC responded that this money should not be released to Umbowo until an "acceptable proposal for Umbowo can be approved by BOFAC and Annual Conference." BOFAC suggested that the editor present the matter "to the Annual Conference through the Board of Communications for their consideration and approval.

(b) The plan of building up a Literature publishing revolving fund had accumulated \$71,47 by September of this year. (See 1974 Journal, p.72, IIB.) In order to make possible the publication of Christian literature now ready for publication, the Board requested BOFAC to allow it to appeal to the five districts of the Conference for donations of \$15,00 per district to this revolving fund. BOFAC did not indicate their response to this request in their October meeting.

3. Other important decisions made at the 14th September meeting of the Board including the following:

(a) A letter from Rev. T. Curtis presented the Central Conference policy decision needed with regard to the future of the Central Mission Press in Johannesburg. The letter asked

for a decision from the Rhodesia Annual Conference as to whether or not the Central Mission Press should be liquidated. The Board of Communications recommended that the Rhodesia Annual Conference agree that the Central Mission Press should be liquidated. It was suggested that a fund be set up from a portion of the liquidated assets to assist Central Conferences with the purchases of paper.

(b) A new committee was named to look into the long range future of the Rhodesia Mission Press. The members of the committee are: Mr. E. Matzigkeit, Rev. W. Mutamba, Mr. O. Mhere and Mr. S. Mukasa. It was hoped that the committee would coopt an appropriate specialist such as Mr. Jack Coskey.

(c) The difference in the cost price and the sale price of the hard cover Ngoma was considered too small to be economic. The Board approved the price of \$1,25 for the hardback Ngoma. and continued the 75c sale price of the soft backed Ngoma.

(d) The Board authorized the release \$70,00 from the revolving fund to the Conference Director of Christian Education to help in the publishing of Makokorodzano, Katekizima, and the Adult Sunday School Lessons. A plan of repaying the loan to the revolving fund is to be agreed upon by the Press Manager, the Board chairman, and the Director of Christian Education.

(e) In response to a request by the Press Manager for a delay in the repayments to the Music edition of Ngoma fund, the Board agreed that the first payment could be postponed five months but that the monthly payments be increased to \$200,00 per month from that time so that the publication of the music edition of Ngoma will not be further delayed.

D. Board of Communications meeting at Annual Conference Mutambara Centre, 30th and 31st December.

1. The Conference Director of Religious Education, Rev. L. Zhungu, reported that *Makokorodzano* and Adult Sunday School Lessons for 1975 had been printed and were ready for sale. He hoped that the *Makokorodzano* for 1976 could be planned cooperatively with the Methodist Synod.

2. The following proposals were sent to the Board of Communications of the Rhodesia Annual Conference from the Christian Council of Rhodesia:

At a regular meeting of the Christian Council of Rhodesia on 10th December 1974, it was decided to go ahead with the development of a Department of Christian Communications. The plan calls for the organization of a board of governors to which all participating churches of the Council will be asked to name one member. The Board will then proceed to organize and direct the programme.

There will be three Divisions as follows:

1. Publication and Distribution of a Christian Paper.
2. Publication and Distribution of Christian Literature.
3. Radio and Television and other media.

The Christian Council of Rhodesia (CCR) wants to know if the United Methodist Church is prepared for Umbowo to become fully ecumenical. This means we would relinquish control as the paper would fall under management of a new joint board. It is hoped that this could be done by February or March, 1975. The General Secretary, Mr. Watyoka, assures us that there are agencies overseas ready to give financial backing. It is therefore essential that this Conference decide whether we are ready or not to hand over our paper to the Christian Council and this new Department.

The Council is also interested to know the future plans of the Market Square Bookroom. If we as a church do not plan to maintain the Book Room the council would be interested in the possibility of developing the place as an ecumenical literature distribution centre.

3. The Board of Communications made the following recommendations to Conference with regard to the proposals of the CCR:

(a) That the Rhodesia Annual Conference accept the offer made by the Christian Council of Rhodesia to make Umbowo fully ecumenical under the sponsorship of the Department of Christian Communications of the Council. That the Rhodesia Annual Conference authorize the Board of Communications to represent the Conference in negotiations with the Christian Council in the establishment of an ecumenical paper, and to allow Umbowo to develop along the lines suggested by the Christian Council.

(b) That the Rhodesia Annual Conference respond to the Christian Council's interest in the Market Square Bookroom by affirming that the United Methodist Church does not plan to continue the operation of the Market Square Bookroom after the completion of the new Conference Office Building on Sinoia St. and that we would welcome the Christian Council taking over this excellent site for the purpose of Christian Literature distribution.

4. Mr. Mukasa reported that a total of \$3100,00 (US) approximately \$1700,00 (R), has arrived from New York through Dr. Hess's office for the purpose of Umbowo support since the request at the October meeting of BOFAC was to raise \$600,00 (R) in the U.S., the remaining \$1100,00 (R) is still being held by the field treasurer pending appropriate requests and approval

by BOFAC. The editor presented the following table to summarize the state of funds that have been promised to Umbowo.

FUND	PURPOSE	SOURCE	BOFAC AP.	ARRIVED
200.00	Ecume- nical	ACLD	Yes	No
600.	Equip- ment	New York (UMC sources)	Yes	Yes (with Field Tr)
200.00	Umbowo	Europe (UMC sources	Yes	No
240.00	Ass't edi- tor's salary	Inter- media, New York	Yes	No
1100.00	Umbowo (1974)	New York	No	Yes (with Field Tr.)

(This table does not include the remainder of the \$10,000 (US) promised from ACLD for the Ecumenical Umbowo.)

The financial report submitted by the Board indicated that when promised funds arrive Umbowo will be able to finish out the year 1974 with a positive balance of \$514,71. But until the funds are actually received by the Umbowo editor, there remain accounts that have not yet been paid. The Board is sending a request to the January meeting of BOFAC to release the remainder of the \$3100,00 (US) received from New York.

5. The Press manager reported difficulty in meeting the travel expenses involved in making use of the manager's services during the second term of 1974 when he was still appointed as a teacher at Mrewa High School. The Board responded that if the unit was unable to pay this amount, the request be returned to BOFAC for meeting this expense.

6. The press manager said that Machinery and Equipment depreciation fund had been depleted to meet accumulated debts. The Board agreed that such a Depreciation fund is very important and since funds had been withdrawn on a loan basis, these funds should be returned to these accounts as quickly as available.

7. The Board of Communications continues to be concerned about housing accommodation for the Umbowo editor at Old Umtali and the representation of this unit on the Old Umtali Executive.

8. The editor of Umbowo submitted a detailed plan based on a programme of "evolutionary ecumenism" of Umbowo, begin-

ning with the offer to be joined by UCC and gradually joining with other denominations as they choose to take part. However, the editor (and the Board of Communications agreed) that the proposals offered by the Christian Council of Rhodesia provide for a more rapid and complete move towards the establishment of an ecumenical Christian paper and thus should take the place of these earlier proposals.

Conference Treasurer's Report for the Year Ended 31st October 1974

A1 RECEIPTS

Cash at Bank (1.11.73)	30084,02
Rhodesia Government Grants Educational	259351,86
Work Budget	70685,29
Rhodesia Government Medical Grants	46279,56
Scholarship: Local	13260,99
Theological	142,86
Samuel Tsopotsa Fund	464,48
Interest and donations Received on behalf of Pension Fund	1615,48
Episcopal Funds	10141,39
Oothers (Sundry)	71215,54
	503241,47

A2 PAYMENTS

Government Educational Grants	259351,86
Government Medical Grants	46279,56
Work Budgets	82567,72
Others	79827,03
Episcopal Funds	8236,58
Cash at Bank 31st Oct. 1974	26978,72
	503241,47

A3 CONFERENCE ASSESSMENTS ETL. FROM DISTRICTS, November 1973-October 1974

District	Conf. Assess.	Botswana S. Tstopotsa Project Scholarship	Ngariende Vangeri	Grand Total
Mrewa	477,16	268,45	41,36	20,64
Mtoko- Nyadiri	414,10	93,76	33,00	34,47
Mtasa- Makoni	785,00	138,00	85,00	1008,00
Salisbury				

Bulawayo	958,42	464,80	101,00		1524,22
Umtali-South	1072,28	350,50	17,66		1440,44
Sub. Total	3706,96	1315,51	278,02	55,11	5355,60
1974 A.C Gen. Collection			88,46		88,46
Individual Contribu.			148,00		148,00
Grand Totals	3706,96	1315,51	514,48	55,11	5592,06

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

A4 ANNUAL CONFERENCE GENERAL FUND

From U.M.Y.F. for Conference Projects	100,00	
From Missionary Tithes	1892,96	
From Conference Stewardship donations	52,50	
From other Contributions — Gen.	15,86	
From Umtali South District	50,00	2111,32

PASTORAL SUPPORT FUND

1. Missionary Tithes	329,50	
Umtali South District (donation)	25,00	354,50
2. Evangelism Budget: R.R.W.		500,00
3. C. Education Budget: U.M.Y.F.		50,00
4. Conference Land Rents		290,55
		<u>3306,37</u>

Auditors' Note on Draft A/Cs: A loan from Central Africa Building Society, amounting to \$14850,00 was raised to purchase land. In addition, the Conference paid cash amounting to \$35000,00, being the balance of the purchase price. In the absence of sufficient information concerning this transaction, the loan has not been brought to account and the payment of \$35,000,00 has been included under payments to Missions etc. The transaction will be properly accounted for when the Conference Staff returns to Salisbury early in January 1975.

B1 PENSION FUND INCOME

Ministers' contributions	1416,00
Contributions from Norway Bd. Missions	1574,98
Other contributions	960,01
Interest: Government Stocks	476,33
Fixed and Savings Deposits	1402,63
General Board of Pensions	295,30
Others	514,97
	<u>6640,22</u>

EXPENDITURE

Pensions Paid	2805,66
Ministers' Assurance Premiums	3100,33
Audit Fees	150,00
Others	584,23

6640,22

B2 BALANCE SHEET

Balance at 31st October 1973	42508,49
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure	584,23
Creditors	189,72

43282,44

INVESTMENTS:

Rhodesia Local Registered Stock	5552,00	
Zambia Local Registered Stock	2674,00	
Malawi Local Registered Stock	774,00	9000,00
Interest accrued		57,05
Fixed Deposits CABS	26210,00	
Interest accrued	319,69	26529,69
Savings A/C including Interest CABS		191,91
General Board of Pensions		4565,02
Cash at Bank Std. Bank Salisbury		1637,64
Barclays Bank (Blocked A/C) Zambia		1301,13

43282,44

B3 RETIRED MINISTERS AND WIDOWS Oct. 1973 to Sept. 1974

Minister's Name	Total Pension
1. L. Chieza	155,00
2. P. Chieza	77,00
3. S. Chieza	93,52
4. J. Chimbadzwa	185,00
5. J. Chitombo	170,00
6. L. Darikwa	55,68
7. Esther Jangano	74,88
8. S. Kasambira	160,00
9. B. Katsidzira	74,24
10. H. Katsidzira	88,00
11. J. Machiri	165,00
12. P. Machiri	175,00
13. N. Mandisodza	93,72
14. J. Maramba	170,00
15. M. Mandisodza	21,52
16. E. Marange	78,40
17. M. Marange	51,56
18. E. Munjoma	85,24

19. M. Muparutsa	180,00
20. B. Nduna	135,00
21. J. Rugayo	165,00
22. N. Chigubu	65,82
23. D. Makuto	53,46
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	2573,04
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C1 LAY WORKERS RETIREMENT FUND: BALANCE SHEET

Balance at 31st October 1973		36034,80
Add Contributions Received: Indiv.	2528,08	
Church	2528,08	5056,16
Add Surplus for the year (3½%) Church	666,43	
Individuals	666,43	1332,86
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Less Payments to members withdrawn:		42423,82
Members A/c	1503,49	
Church A/c	814,03	2317,52
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		40106,30
Less Transfer to contingency Fund		
(Church A/c only)		689,46
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		39416,84
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CONTINGENCY FUND

Balance at 31st Oct. 1973	15034,84	
Add Transfer from Church Gen. A/c	689,46	
Add Surplus for the year from income		
and Exp. A/c	1239,81	16964,11
Creditors		150,00
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		56530,95
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C2 INVESTMENTS

Fixed Deposits CABS	53700,00
Interest Accrued	778,36
Savings A/c including Interest: CABS	1502,05
Cash at Bank 31.10.74	550,54
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	56530,95
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Audit note:

- Contributions which were due but not received at 31st October 1974, have not been brought to account.
- Fixed Deposits:** The Rhodesia Annual Conference of the Methodist Church has been granted a loan of \$20000 by the Rhodesian Government

repayable over twenty years, for building development at Nyamuzuwe School. This loan has been guaranteed by the Lay Workers' Retirement Fund and certain fixed deposits amounting to \$23,100,00 have been pledged as security. The Board of Finance and Coordination of the Rhodesia Annual Conference have agreed to reimburse any funds forfeited in terms of this guarantee.

The Rukwadzano Report

For another year the Rukwadzano rwe Vadzimai has found great joy in serving Christ and others. From each church and circuit throughout our Conference there have been reports of activities in all the lines of work which God has given us to do.

R.R.W. ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Northern Section held their annual convention at Epworth from August 14-18. Rev. T. Curtis, the District Superintendent of Salisbury-Bulawayo District opened the meeting. These are some of the important things which happened while at the meeting: We were blessed by the messages of the preachers, and especially from Bishop Muzorewa and Rev. F. Kadenge as well as others who took part. Two Black ministers from America visited us and were given pins, Rumano books and uniforms to take home to their churches.

On the concluding Sunday there were 11,236 people present. Most of them took the Holy Communion. A donation of \$25,00 was given to help the people who are at Chiweshe. Blankets and other items were purchased and sent to Chiweshe.

A special offering was taken to help pay for travels. Many other denominations joined us and came to worship with us at all services and their testimonies were helpful.

The Southern Section held their annual convention at Nyatande August 21-25. Rev. J. Chidzikwe, the District Superintendent of Mtasa-Makoni opened the meeting. We were honoured by the presence of Mai Bishop and the delegate from Mozambique Conference. She taught us many new songs one of which was "Wadzimai wemuZimbabwe." There were 9 chiefs who came to our meeting and they greeted the Rukwadzano. They went on to donate \$19,00.

Rev. Kawadza was our guest preacher along with others. During the services 60 people were converted and many were blessed. Those who took the Holy Communion were 2,330.

During the meetings Mr. Gandanzara's bus took women to see the grave of our loved friend, Ishe Philip Gandanzara, who passed away two years ago. They put a wreath there which cost \$3,00. Ishe Gandanzara gave the R.R.W. \$10,00. The

number of those R.R.W. members who passed away during 1973-1974 was 58.

The amount of \$39,65 was given to help those who were put in wire camps. The R.R.W. also gave the Wabvuwi \$27,95½ to start a school for boys, with the thought that if they don't start that school they must bring the money back to the Rukwadzano Treasurer. A Jairos Jiri man came to our R.R.W. with Mrs. Chiwandanuri to talk about his work. The women are planning to send presents to them.

THE RUKWADZANO HELPS THOSE IN NEED.

In the Northern Section the circuits reported their contributions to many people and spent \$947,07 to do all of their work among the sick, the weddings, those bereaved by deaths and those in need. The Mutemwa people were given blankets, jerseys, and all types of clothing and food. The Babyfold was given jerseys, nappies, food, etc.

In the Southern Section the circuits reported that the money spent for the Lord's Work was \$1579,50. This was used to help the sick and give gifts to orphans, etc. They reported that school leavers' classes are doing well. Special prayers were offered for Dr. Johnson who was to be tried in October, 1974.

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE RUKWADZANO

Much work was done this year in the United Methodist Homecraft Clubs. The co-ordinators, Mrs. Sue Messenger and Mrs. I. Nyandoro have given a strong report of many activities of training and development of these clubs. Dumba has suggested that we find a new and special name for these Homecraft groups.

The report from Mrs. Alvord concerning the Nyakatsapa Homecraft school is very encouraging. The staff is doing its work very well and the girls are learning well.

The Rukwadzano also participates in the World Day of Prayer programme and many of our Churches co-operated with other churches.

We thank you for your co-operation. Although as women of Zimbabwe we were heavily burdened for a long time, we were blessed by the statement of the release of the detainees which came when we were at Dumba.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend the church leaders to work together with the leaders of Rukwadzano so that the women give their church offering first and then see about their Rukwadzano dues.

2. We recommend that our church leaders see about the transfers of their members when they go home from towns.

3. We agreed that the school fees for Nyakatsapa Homecraft

School be \$85,00 per child for 1975.

4. We agreed to pay \$1920,00 for 1975 to Nyakatsapa Home-craft School.

5. We agreed to save \$225,88 for the North Project, to use as soon as it is established.

6. We agreed to give the co-ordinators for the Nhamburiko dzeUpenyu Project the sum of \$75, 00 for travel.

7. We ask the Conference that in each of our Mission centres the R.R.W. of the District be given some acres so as to raise money for our projects.

Submitted by,
Mai Lois Chikosi,
Mai Ellenella Gurure.

Musumo WaSahomwe — Dumba — Old Umtali
12th December, 1974

MARI YAKAUNGANIDZWA ZVAKADAI:

	\$
Harare Circuit	38,48
Mufakose Circuit	32,40
Highfield Circuit	54,03
Mangula Circuit	8,10
Highfields	,95
Mabvuku Circuit	30,38
Mabvuku Circuit (Chikwerete)	,67
Mrewa North Circuit	62,64
Mrewa South Circuit	39,69
Mrewa East Circuit	39,10
Maramba - Pfungwe	19,40
Mrewa West Circuit	40,50
Mrewa Centre	26,44
Mrewa Centre (Chikwerete)	4,41
Mrewa Centre (W.F.)	,94
Marandellas Circuit	11,63
Rusape Circuit	11,70
Uzumba Circuit	62,20
Uzumba Circuit (Chikwerete)	6,96
Rupinda Circuit	23,71
Chizawana Circuit	7,58
Gandanzara Circuit	59,56
Inyanga Circuit	18,38
Inyanga Circuit (Chikwerete)	4,68
Nhowe Circuit	25,42
Rupinda (Chikwerete)	,26
Makoni Circuit	29,43

Makoni Circuit (Chikwerete)	1,50
Muziti	72,21
Zimunya North Circuit	55,45
Maranke Central Circuit	41,07
Maranke Central (Chikwerete)	3,65
Mutambara West Circuit	28,08
Nyakatsapa	108,00
Nyakatsapa (Chikwerete)	6,00
Zimunya South Circuit	87,36
Zimunya South (Chikwerete)	7,93
Maranke South	55,52
Mutambara East Circuit	49,89
Mutambara East Circuit (Chikwerete)	,78
Mundenda Circuit	47,84
Mundenda Circuit (Chikwerete)	1,56
Maranke North Circuit	51,40
Maranke South (Chikwerete)	2,08
Mutambara Central	34,70
Old Umtali	5,50
Honde Valley (Chikwerete)	3,00
Mrewa Centre (Zvikwerete)	2,40
Mrewa North (Zvikwerete)	,60
Mrewa Centre (Zvikwerete)	8,00
Harare (Zvikwerete)	2,00
Zimunya South (Zvikwerete)	1,50
Honde Valley (Zvikwerete)	,80
Dorcas Zuze (pins)	1,25
Hilltop (Zvikwerete)	15,00
Mrs. John Jijita (pins)	40,00
Old Umtali (Chikwerete)	,78
Old Umtali Centre	22,07
Mrs. Chidzikwe (pins)	89,55
Hilltop Church	102,02
Mrs. Dikanifuwa (R)	5,00
Mrs. Dikanifuwa (pins)	103,50
Nyakatsapa	1,42
Chikore Tanda Circuit	23,14
Chikore Tanda (Chikwerete)	2,08
Nyadiri Circuit	64,06
Nyadiri Centre	33,05
Maramba - Pfungwe (Zvikwerete)	,50
Maranke West Circuit	12,85
Maranke West (Chikwerete)	1,02
Mtoko East Circuit	54,19
Mtoko East (Chikwerete)	5,00

Headlands Circuit	33,52
Headlands Circuit (Chikwerete)	4,12
Bulawayo (Zvikwerete)	2,00
Bulawayo (Zvitendo)	2,00
Mtoko-Nyadiri District Clubs	5,00
Mtoko North Circuit	23,69
Mtoko North (Chikwerete)	2,08
Dendera - Area C	20,00
Dendera Area (Chikwerete)	7,00
Nyamuzuwe Circuit	20,95
Nyamuzuwe Circuit (Chikwerete)	14,72
Mtoko West Circuit	55,28
Mtoko West (W.F.)	2,30
Gandanzara Circuit	14,12
Chikwizo Circuit	10,51
Mrs. G. Muzulu (pins)	92,14
Chikwizo (Chikwerete)	,78
Mtoko South	63,18
Mrs. D. Bisby (pins)	45,00
Mrs. D. Bisby (Rumano)	25,00
Maranke North (Chikwerete)	18,20
Chitenderano	37,09
Mufakose	28,15
Mrs. Mary Kurewa (pins)	41,40
Maranke North	7,00

TOTAL

\$2531,72

Plus: Hilltop (R. Bks)

1,61

Mutambara South

27,56

Mutambara South

(W.F.) 1,04

TOTAL COLLECTED

2561,93

CLUBS:	5,00
Rumano Books	33,00
R.R.W. Pins	478,09
R.R.W. Pins	117,00
Zvitendo	38,30
Rupawa 1974	1977,33
Rupawa 1973	1845,00

Yakatutsirwa ne 31c

132,33

MU C.A.B.S.

Original Investment:		2600,00
Interest Payment Credited	March 70	48,53
	October	82,75
	March 71	85,34
	October	88,00
	March 72	90,75
	October	93,59
	March 73	96,50
	October	99,54
	March 74	102,66
	October	106,84
	TOTAL	3493,50
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Musumo WaSahomwe — Dumba — Old Umtali **12th December, 1974**

MARI ICHABHADARWA KUBVA MU CURRENT ACCOUNT

	\$
December Salary	56,00
Kudzorera H. Club	11,40
	67,40
Mari iri muCurrent Account: (Cheque)	71,58
Mari ichabhadharwa	67,40
Mari yasara muCurrent Account	4,18

MARI ICHABHADHARWA

To World Federation	100,00
Nhamburiko Co-ordinators:	75,00
Nyakatsapa	1920,00
Officers	210,84
TOTAL	2305,84

Project North	225,88
Mari yakabhadharwa	plus 2305,84
Mari yakaunganidzwa	2531,72

MARI IRIPO IYE ZVINO:

Current Account:	71,58
Standard Bank Savings	210,67
Dumba Collection	2531,72
C.A.B.S.	3493,50
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	6307,47

FINAL BALANCE END OF DUMBA 1974

Mari iripo iye zvino current account	4,18
Standard Bank Savings	210,67
C.A.B.S.	3493,50
Mari yakabva mumasure	30,21
Yakatanga kuunganidzwa	2531,72
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	6570,28
Mari yakabhadharwa	—2305,84
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Mari inosara	4264,44
Northern Project	—225,88
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BALANCE ON HAND	4038,56

By R.R.W. Treasurer,
Mrs. C. Nyamukapa.

Board of Pensions and Conference Claimants

1. Nominations to the Board:

Class of 1975:—Peter Mudiwa, Rudolph Matongo, Samuel Muzulu.

Alternates:—Samuel Nduna, Frank Messenger.

Class of 1976:—Trabition Dziwa, Caleb Mukasa, Josiah Njagu.

Alternates:—Samuel Munjoma, Phares Kamupira.

Class of 1977:—Kare Eriksson, Alec Alvord, William Finster.

Alternates:—Elisha Musuka, Tudor Roberts.

Class of 1978:—Samuel Mukangara, Kenneth Shamu, Ben Jambga.

Alternates:—Morgan Muchanyereyi, Gaylord Kambarami.

2. Approved new members to Pension Funds in 1975:

Elias Mumbiro

Eben Nhiwatiwa

3. We recommend that Reddison Neshiri be dropped from the Pension Fund as of 1975.

4. The following students will have their pension paid for 1975 while they are studying:

Jotham Usore, Sandah Sanganzah, Micah Chinoda, Julius Tsiga, John Sakutombo, David Muzorewa.

5. Confirmation to 1962 resolution on payments of pensions:

"Ministers who retired from active service in Annual Conference will be paid \$2,75 per year of service up to and including 1962.

As of 1963 until retirement or up until the time of the introduction of the new pension scheme, pensions to the retired minister will be paid at the rate of \$5,00 per year of service."

6. Annual Pensions for Retired Ministers: -

Nason Chigubu to be paid \$112,75 per annum.

Daniel Makuto to be paid \$96,25 per annum.

7. Widows' Pensions: -

The question of widows' Pension is left to a sub-committee of the Board of Pensions which will bring proposals to the next Annual Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,
Josiah Njagu.

Wabvuwi South Report

Jesu wakati, "Endai pasi pese muchiparidza izwi raMwari, kune vese vanodavira, muva bhabhatidze muzita raBaba, nere-Murumbwana nereMweya Unoera. Muchivaudza kuti vadhe-ngete zvese izvo ndakamuudza." Mateu 20: 19-20.

1. The chairman, Mr. Mudiwa has worked very hard to promote the Wabvuwi Movement. He has attended many meetings organized by groups such as UMYF, RRW, and MUMC, Quarterly meetings, District finance, District Conference and Leadership Training. The Chairman, Mr. Mudiwa, Rev. Ohiza, Rev. Muchanyereyi and Mr. S. Mareya had the wonderful experience of going to Chiredzi where they explored the possibility of establishing the United Methodist Church in that area. The Chairman noticed that there are many of our people in this area who need a Shepherd (Mufudzi).

2. The Annual Convention for Wabvuwi South was held in Marange at Chiringaodzi, from August 15th to 18th 1974. The following were invited to preach and lecture—Host Pastor—Rev. C. Mukasa, Rev. J. B. Jijita, D.S., Rev. J. Chidzikwe, D.S., Dr. J. Kurewa, Rev. J. Makande, North delegates — Nil, UMYF R.R.W, Mrs. J. B. Jijita, Wabvuwi, Rev. J. Munjoma, Rev. D. Muzorewa and Rev. K. Shamu. People were blessed spiritually and physically. We took time to pray for the sick and those in detention. We praise God Almighty because our prayers have been answered.

3. Wabvuwi South will contribute \$100,00 towards the Ex-

tension work Funds and have pledged to give \$50,00 yearly for this purpose.

Money in the Bank: \$343,08.

4. Projects:

The Wabvuwi South executive and co-opted members met four times this year. At the first meeting, it was agreed that an industrial school should be opened to train young people for industry. Suggested places for the school are : Old Umtali, Glenada and Arnoldine. The suggested name of the school is "Kuzwana United Methodist Industrial Training Centre." The possible date for opening such a school is 1976. It was also agreed that every man should contribute at least \$3,00 towards the funds. At Dumba on 20th December 1974, many circuits brought substantial amounts of money as their contributions. On that particular day \$94,00 were raised. As a means of raising money, we have one person in each case chosen from their respective chief's areas to help in the campaign of raising money. The following were chosen to carry out that function: -

Maranke	— Mr. J. Zvinoira
Zimunya	— Mr. Chitauru
Mutasa	— Mr. Chimboza
Makoni	— Mr. Kaisi
Mutambara	— Mr. C. Chikukwa

These were co-opted into the Wabvuwi South Executive. In addition Mr. E. Kawadza, Rev. Chikosi, Rev. J. B. Jijita, D.S. and Rev. J. Chidzikwe, D.S. were co-opted to work with the committee.

The executives of North and South should plan together for this school.

A fact-finding tour was made to Gazaland F2 school and Honde Industrial School. We thank those who offered their cars for use on this tour and those who contributed money to finance it.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

(a) We would like to appeal to the scholarship committee to consider first those students who are interested in taking the subjects listed below.

1. Agriculture, 2. Metal Work, 3. Carpentry and Joinery, 4. Building and Plumbing, 5. Draughtsmanship, 6. Welding, 7. Needlework, (weaving and Tailoring), 8. Leatherwork, 9. Motor Mechanics, 10. Electrical Engineering.

(b) We also appeal to the conference to send someone abroad for fund raising for a technical school.

(c) The committee is available to the Conference for discus-

sions and answering questions.

(d) We, Wabvuwi in the South kindly ask all ministers and laymen to exercise their influence and promote the spirit of fund raising so that by 1976 we will have collected enough for the project.

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

Mr. P. K. Mudiwa	—Chairman
Mr. N. Gandanzara	—Vice Chairman
Mr. N. Chiwara	—Secretary
Mr. S. Mashingaidze	—Vice Secretary
Mr. M. C. Mataranyika	—Treasurer
Rev. J. Chidzikwe	—Advisors
Rev. S. Munjoma	
Rev. C. Mukasa	—Alternate
Submitted by	
N. J. Chiwara	—Secretary
Peter K. Mudiwa	—Chairman

Urban Ministries Report

HILLTOP CHRISTIAN CENTRE

1974 has been a year of great challenge for the centre. The staff consisted of the Director Rev. W. Mutamba who also served as Associate Pastor, Mr. Nzarayebani and Mrs. Messenger a part time worker and acting Director from November 15, a pre-school teacher, a maintenance man, and a kitchen worker—part time.

Activities

1. *Clubs*: The Sakubva Young People's Educational and Cultural Club continues to be very active with many young people taking part in various programmes on Saturday afternoons.

2. The couple's club, an ecumenical community wide club, is also still sponsored by the centre and continues to be a strong club.

3. There are two sewing clubs for the women; one run by the centre and the other run and sponsored by the R.R.W.

4. A study group for "A" Level students, designated as an Advance Special Project, sponsored 24 students who sat for their exams in January and June. Six of them dropped before the exams. This project was very expensive because the students did not pay their own fees and no money came in under this heading. A subsequent programme was offered working with students sitting for their G.C.E. "O" Levels. These 43 students will sit for their examinations in January 1975. They are paying their own fees.

5. The Pre-School programme continues to be an outstanding contribution of the centre. Forty-two children completed this year. Their graduation was held during the church service on December 1.

6. The Board of Directors met about five times during the first six months. The Board hoped to start a commercial class, but the African Administration did not approve this.

Gifts: The centre received various gifts from the U.S.A. and the Toc-H Branch in Umtali.

Problems: The centre faces serious financial problems. The buildings and equipment are deteriorating. The "A" level study programme still owes a substantial amount of money with no source for the funds, and other sizeable debts face the centre as it begins the new year. It is hoped that the \$500,00 approved in 1974 for maintenance can be used early in the year when the rains stop.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is recommended that the Conference facilitate the formation of a constitution by offering guidelines for the centres responsibility to conference, and what the conference's expectations and goals for the centre are. (Referred to Urban Ministries and Board of Directors of Hilltop Christian Centre)

2. The Board of Directors also recommends that the three Conference appointees live within a ten or fifteen mile radius of Sakubva so that members can attend frequent meetings.

3. It is recommended that the Annual Conference approves one of the following names to be used as the official name for the centre.

(a) Hilltop United Methodist Christian Centre.

(b) Hilltop Christian Centre.

(c) Hilltop Christian Centre.

(United Methodist Church)

(Referred to Committee in item 1 above)

Sue Messenger, Acting Director

AFRICAN GIRLS' HOSTEL

The Conference year of 1974 has been a good year for this institution. The number of girls who have stayed with us here has been around 140 throughout the year. Many new girls have come in from the country to seek work and we have been able to help them get employment.

During the year the necessary work of upkeep of the buildings has been going on and our maintenance man has been busy painting and doing other repair work. The new dormitory space

provided by the rebuilding of two old boxrooms and bicycleroom have been utilized to the full and we could have used more of them.

The long planned renovation of the kitchen is now under way. New electric cooking pots have been installed (cost ca. \$1,500). This was made possible through a generous gift received from Norwegian Methodists.

The normal activities have been pursued at the hostel, such as regular Sunday evening services, MYF activities and the like. We are thankful for the good cooperation with the ministers at Hilltop Church. This last term a Bible study has been carried out every Monday evening.

It would have been impossible to carry out the work here without good cooperation among the staff members. This has been achieved much due to our good matron, Mai Malianga. In October this year she finished 25 years of faithful service here at the hostel. We want to express our appreciation and thanks for her excellent work.

We give thanks to God for His sustaining Grace. He has been good to us this year.

Respectfully submitted, Astrid Leiknes.

BOARD OF URBAN MINISTRY

The Board met on September 26th 1974 at the Market Square Bookroom to discuss urban work, its growth and problems.

1. The meeting agreed to set aside \$5,00 for secretarial work.
2. The Board urges the sub-committee of the Board on Ministry to provide for the continuing Education of Ministers in various fields.

3. The Board agreed to set aside \$45,00 as an initial start for the Correspondence Course in Urban work and that those interested should pay 25c per lecture towards cost.

The course is open to all interested people, and involves 10 to 12 lectures.

4. The Board agreed to explore the possibilities of opening new work in the Vila Pery Area. The matter was referred to the District Superintendent of Mtasa-Makoni and the two Bishops involved.

5. The Board urges all ministers to improve themselves academically. The Board also emphasizes that Urban Ministry needs special training.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The Board recommends that the travel allowance be raised by the District's and Circuit Finance Committees. (referred to the Districts).

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Mary Ball—Chairman
Tafadzwa John Nderere—Secretary

Ministry to Women Report

I. Programme, Project and Equipment Money.

The Ministry to Women Committee has been successful in raising some money under the new Advance Programme Support Fund. These funds added to the balance of The Africa Women's Fund total \$1385,87 on the Field Treasurer's books. An additional \$162,00 is being held on the Conference Treasurer's books for Ministry to Women.

II. Recommendations:

1. That \$15.00 be given to Mrs. Ruth Mawokomatanda for an Advanced course in Adult Literacy offered at Domboshawa. This will be paid to her through the District Superintendent.

2. That we pay \$300,00 toward Rukwadzano Leadership Training School. This money will be released to Mrs. P. Nyamukapa, R.R.W. Treasurer, who will pay it to the Co-Deans.

3. That we pay \$108,00 per district to their Nhamburiko Dze Upenyu Class for programme and equipment. This would be released to the District Superintendent who will pass it on to the Treasurer of the School Committee.

4. That we allocate \$350,00 for two workshops to be held under the direction of the Co-ordinators of the Homecraft Clubs and Nhamburiko Dze Upenyu Schools. \$162,00 to be taken from the Conference Treasurer's books and \$188,00 from the Field Treasurer's books. This would be released to United Methodist Homecraft Clubs Account held by Mrs. Sue Messenger.

5. That \$150,00 be released from the Field Treasurer's books to make possible Driver Training Lessons for Mai Bishop Muzorewa, Mai Sarah Munjoma and Mai Dikanifuwa. This money will be channelled through the D.S's books in the District where they reside and be paid out only if arrangements can be made by these individuals. (Referred to the Ministry to Women)

6. We re-affirm our recommendation made to the 1973 session of Annual Conference Stating "That the Rukwadzano study their programmes and hour of meeting in order to care more adequately for the spiritual needs of the business and professional women of our church. The District Chairpersons of Women's work are asked to send a report to this committee stating the ways in which they are endeavouring to reach these women and include them more in the total church programme."

Ellen Miller, Chairman

Irene Chitsiku, Acting Secretary.

The Family Life Conference

A Report on the Family Life Conference of the Methodist Churches of Rhodesia under the sponsorship of the World Methodist Council Committee on Home and Family Life.

All over the world within the past few years there has been a great attention upon the Family. In every country it is recognized that the family is the most important centre of life and society as a whole. But the family is in danger. Many modern forces are destroying true family values.

The Church is organising everywhere to help the Family. The World Council of Churches has set up a Department of Family Life. The World Methodist Council has also established a committee on Home and Family Life. All of the different kinds of Methodist Churches around the world are uniting in attention to the Family. A world Methodist Conference on Family Life was held in 1971. It started an effort to reach every country. It has a five year programme to do so. In 1976 there will be another World Conference to see what has happened.

The Family Life Movement has reached us here in Zimbabwe. We just finished our Methodist Family Life Conference two weeks ago. We have here the full report of it which will be distributed to all the circuits.

Our Conference was held at the University in Salisbury. 50 delegates attended from our United Methodist Church and the Methodist Church U.K.

Let me say the ecumenical spirit was perfect. We forgot that we were from different churches and we lived and talked and worked as one family of Christians as we concentrated upon our homes and family problems.

Our purpose was to study and help all families in our home land of Zimbabwe. As Christians we have something distinctive to say about family life. The Conference felt free, we researched, we dialogued, we learned, we ventured into new ideas, we struggled with problems, and we tried to come up with positive proposals. We challenge our Christian homes to get on a mission to the homes and families of our land.

At our Conference we had the best authorities to share with us their research and understanding. They were from the University, from the medical profession, from the church and from the law profession.

Sister Aquina of the University shared her latest research on sociological studies of what is happening to the modern family among us. Also Dr. Kurewa stimulated us with an approach to think from the view of African theology upon our life and culture.

FAMILY LIFE REPORT

As a Conference we took three basic approaches: (1) We affirmed the values of the distinctive African family culture as something special among all other cultures. (2) We openly faced concrete problems with honesty and sincerity. (3) We believed that as Christians in Africa we had something important to say about family life right here and now.

What were the results of our Conference? Well, we ask each circuit to study the full report. We believe you will find it helpful. We believe you can have some good local studies based on it. Here are a few summary results: (1) African family values in their true culture can be Christian. Christ should be allowed to participate in all levels: in courtship in lobola, in community recognition of marriage arrangements, in marriage ceremonies, in a traditional style, and in all of the relationships of husband and wife and parents and children. In all these the style may be traditionally African and the spirit of it truly Christian. Christ can make our African way Christian. (2) We have concrete suggestions for the generation gap between parents and children and suggestions for sex education while at the same time maintaining the sensitivities of our African culture. (3) We have fully explored husband and wife relationships in a changing culture and made suggestions related to the new freedoms of women and the self respect of men in the home.

(4) We debated freely the problems related to inheritance, and customary practices in many family issues, and believe as Christians we can help families to fulfill the true human dignities that God has given us as a people.

Now the Conference commends this study to the churches. The joint committee between our two Methodist Churches is going to keep active for the next four years. We proposed a four year effort for a programme to get the churches on mission to the family. We plan to have research committees working on problems, we plan to have training institutes to train many persons to carry our concerns right into our home, we plan to produce the materials necessary for advance on the subject. We ask your support. If you have questions, our pastors can forward them on to the Committee. We welcome your suggestions. What we are doing is for your family. We request Conference to assist with funds and personnel to make a four-year programme of this nature really practical.

The members who attended this conference on Family Life who are attending Annual Conference will meet at this session of Conference to ask a concrete amount from BOFAC.

Verna C. Culver, Secretary.

Report on Ecumenical Relations 1974

1. UNITY DISCUSSIONS: Dr. Culver reported that: -

(a) The eight major churches had not made much progress in talks for the last two years.

(b) More Unity talks are recommended, especially by laymen.

(c) More Africans are needed in the discussions to express the feelings of grassroots about Church Unity.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The committee recommended that:

(a) There should be continued discussions between the clergy but that emphasis should be placed on laymen's participation.

(b) Laity and clergy from the eight churches should meet with representatives from black African countries to give reports of unity in their countries and then discuss.

2. UNITY WITH U.C.C.

There have been no talks with the U.C.C. recently but we recommend that we keep the door open and encourage further talks.

RECOMMENDATIONS

a) We should co-operate with them in the following projects:

(i) Literature

(ii) Evangelism

(iii) Rukwadzano

(iv) Youth

(v) Wabvuwi

(vi) Home and Family Life.

b) We recommend the following committee members for our unity talks with the U.C.C.

Mr. J. Makawa, Rev. S. Sanganza, Dr. M. Culver, Mrs. H. Mungate and Mrs. I. Chitsiku.

3. CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

This is working strongly. The meeting in December 1974 discussed the topic on making an Ecumenical paper for all churches.

4. BEIRA REPORT

Rev. M. Ball reported that the Beira Conference requires all future fraternal delegates from Rhodesia to the Beira Conference to assume their own travelling expenses.

The R\$1 000 that was held by Rev. Ball for Beira Conference was returned. We recommend that we leave the door open for future participation in the Beira work.

5. ECUMENICAL ARTS ASSOCIATION

by Mr. P. Matsikenyiri

The Ecumenical Arts Workshop was successfully held at Waddilove. The leadership was as on Page 101 Official Journal 1974.

The Chaplain was Fr. R. Balkwell of Bulawayo. The Theme was "To be a Pilgrim." Devotions were so arranged that an artistic way of expressing our worship to the Lord was carried out in Music, Art, Drama and Writing on four different days. It was wonderful experience.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Anglican Cathedral on the 2nd of November, 1974.

The following were elected to serve in different offices.

Chairman: Mr. Olof Axelsson — Lutheran

Vice Chairman: Rev. Mhlanga —

Secretary: Mr. Mugore — C.C.R.

Treasurer: St. Margaret — Anglican

Director: P. Matsikenyiri — U.M.C.

Music: Mr. Olof Axelsson — Lutheran

Art: Dr. M. Johnson — U.M.C.

Writing: Mr. Chidyausiku — R.C.C.

Drama: An Anglican sister — Anglican

We are grateful to our Conference for keeping our membership fee up to date.

RECOMMENDATION: *

Since Kwanongoma College has become church sponsored, we would recommend the committee for BOFAC to study the possibility of financial support, as other denominations have already committed themselves.

It is proposed that each member church will be represented on the Board of Directors. We nominate Mr. P. Matsikenyiri as our representative should we choose to be represented.

We thank and praise the Lord for His guidance through out the activities of the year.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF FRATERNAL DELEGATES TO METHODIST SYNOD AND THE U.C.C.

A. METHODIST SYNOD — The Conference will be in Bulawayo from 5 to 10 January 1975.

DELEGATES:

Minister

— Rev. L. Nyanungo

Alternate

— Rev. I. Mawokomatanda

Layman

— Mr. G. Kambarami

Alternate

— Mr. A. Mutasa

Woman	— Mrs. H. Mungate
Alternate	— Miss D. Chinopfukutwa.
B. U.C.C.	— Rev. D. Hodzi
Alternate	— Rev. Muchanyerei
	<i>Dr. M. Culver</i> —Acting Chairman
	<i>Irene Chitsiku</i> —Acting Secretary.

Christian Social Concerns Report

A. LUSAKA UNITY AGREEMENT.

We of the Christian Social Concerns believe that Christianity is not primarily a philosophy but a crusade. As Christ was sent by His father so He sent His disciples to set up the Kingdom of God in the world. His coming was a declaration against the powers of darkness. He was manifested to destroy the works of the devil. Hence when Christians find a state of affairs in the world, that is not in accord with the truth which they have learnt from Christ Himself, their concern is not that it should be explained but that it should be ended. In that temper we must approach everything in the relations between human beings that cannot be reconciled with the Christian ideal.

This is why, therefore, this committee:

(i) Calls on all Christians to commend the wisdom and courage displayed by our leaders on the Lusaka Unity Agreement. This agreement has come about because of the vision and foresight of the now enlarged A.N.C. leaders whom we, at this time, salute — (action of salute follows.)

(ii) Urges that this unity be preserved at all cost by our people; and further urges that all people and all denominations, through the Ministers' Fraternal, preach the message of unity among all their members. And that the same grassroot methods of communication used during the Pearce Commission be re-employed so that this unity message reaches all the corners of our country like veld fire.

B. RELEASE OF DETAINEES.

(i) Calls on the powers-that-be to honour this agreement in full by releasing all the detainees so that they take their rightful places in the society, free from fear and from want.

(ii) Invites all Christians to help these released detainees materially and spiritually wherever possible. With this in mind, we would like to sincerely applaud the Christian Care for what they have already done towards the assistance of these people— (clapping of hands follow.)

C. PROTECTED VILLAGES.

Calls on the Government to stop forthwith any further con-

centration of peoples in Protected Villages and that those already so affected be given the option to decide what they want to do.

To stress this point, we strongly recommend that our Conference gives tangible and material support to those whose homes and lives have been affected by this move. To show its serious intention of purpose, this committee has already donated some six dollars (\$6,00) towards this purpose. We now invite the Conference members to follow suit—(collection called for.)

D. INVITATIONS.

It would be very much appreciated where possible, if this Conference would invite one of the near-by former detainees to come and give us fraternal greetings before these sessions come to an end.

E. NEW "SITUPAS"

We deplore all actions being done by the government which justify the continuation of the old colonial thinking prior to the Lusaka Agreement. These are manifested by the issuing of new "situpas" to one section of our Community and the use of propagandas and inappropriate Shona terminology on Radio. For instance, the term "gandanga" referring to freedom fighters.

F. GENERAL.

(i) Stresses the need for reconciliation between the major races as the only outlet to achieve a harmonious society in this great motherland of ours.

(ii) Further, stresses that settlement talks be based on the principle of Majority Rule, and trust that the Prime Minister will continue to display his change of attitude towards this goal.

(iii) Lastly though not least, appeals to our people to lead a life of confidence and self-awareness and not to live like strangers in their own land of birth.

(iv) Recommends that February 9-16, 1975, be observed as the Christian Social Concerns' Week and that Ministers make that week relevant to our situation, with the help from the Head Office, whom we ask to give guidelines regarding the programme for that week.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Kambarami—Chairman

S. Sanganza—Secretary.

Ministers' Report — January 1975

I. We appreciate and are grateful to the Conference for its decision to increase the Ministers' Minimum Salary scale, as shown in the proposed new salary scale report — January 1975.

II. We applaud our Bishop, District Superintendents, fellow

Ministers, Church lay leaders, and the laity at large for their co-operation in the field of our Lord throughout the whole year—1974. We achieved a great success in varied areas such as political, spiritual, religious and social.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

(a) We recommend that Ministers Travel Allowance from the Conference be increased to \$9,00 per month. (Referred to BOFAC to see what can be done)

(b) That in future, the Ministers' Report be included on the Conference Programme, just like any other Conference permanent Committee.

(c) That Headmasters at Mission Centres should inform the District Superintendent of the Minister whose child has failed to pay his school fees in time, first, before that child is sent home.

(d) That circuits whose ministers stay on mission lands, where fees for house rents are payable, should be considered responsible for those fees and not the ministers themselves.

Further, retrospectively, if any deductions were made from any ministers' stipend towards this purpose, that such deductions be refunded and the circuit be held answerable.

(e) That the balance of \$1108,20 unpaid pastors' salaries for 1974 be referred to BOFAC to work out some arrangement for these salaries to be paid immediately, either as loans or grants. We appeal to the three districts who were able to pay their pastors in full to help those who are behind, and to any church member or organisation to give towards clearing off this debt. We will not rest until all our pastors are receiving their full salaries regardless of where they are serving. Further BOFAC and the circuits concerned should also consider ways of raising their unpaid back salaries.

Respectfully submitted,

Davidson Mushapaidzi—Chairman

Sandah Sanganza—Secretary.

Temperance Committee Report

THANKS

1. We thank the Nyamuzuwe Student Temperance Club and the surrounding community which persuaded chief Nyamukoho not to build a bottlestore near the school.

2. We also thank the Conference for sending Rev. K. Shamu overseas to study about the evils of drinking beer. He taught many people at some District Conferences.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that wholesome games be introduced on

Sundays in our centres under responsible supervision. We also ask our parents to teach their children the importance of temperance.

2. We recommend that Cabinet appoints a non-full time Conference temperance secretary. The committee proposed a budget of \$400 for the work.

3. We re-affirm our recommendation that temperance clubs be formed in both urban and rural areas.

4. We re-affirm our recommendation that a film on temperance obtainable from Dr. Taylor be used in our Mission centres.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Jonathan W. Engai Maramba.

Committee on Indigenisation of the Church

As a result of the action taken last Conference 1974 on an item presented from the Board of Urban Ministries under (F), further recommendations Page 155 item 5, a Committee on Indigenisation of the church was appointed by the Bishop as reported on page 37 Item 60.

In addition to home assignments to study this particular topic the following persons met twice in the year as a committee.

Dr. Zvomunondiita J. Kurewa — Chairman

Mr. Patrick Matsikenyiri — Secretary

Rev. Kenneth Choto

Rev. Sanda Sanganza

Professor Murphree

The Bishop A. T. Muzorewa

The meetings were held on the 2nd and the 16th November. The chairman remarked that although we were to study and Africanize the whole worship service, at the present moment we had the task of working on the Holy Communion.

Members were urged to study certain portions of the ritual and report back in the next meeting. Discussions: - (A contribution by all members)

The chairman remarked that when he attended his first Holy Communion in the States, it was quite moving especially the music of it. Therefore he wished the same to apply here—in Rhodesia.

Any ritual without basic Theology is not good enough. Until we begin to worship our Lord in a related atmosphere full of joy and action in our singing with due reverence, we are still deprived of our true worship.

Different church groups have varied emphasis namely the cross or resurrection. Our present ritual is based more on cruci-

fixion only. There should also be victory to death leading to the climax of joy.

Let us indigenise and try to respond to our worship. We should be careful not to destroy everything. But various ways of respect should be used in our Worship, because then we will be using ritual which is close to everyday life in worshipping and respecting the unseen God in a way which will mean more to people. Kudeketera would be quite appropriately reaffirmed by the clap of hands and mhururu.

Whenever culture conflicts with the basic rules of health — it should be questioned whether it is genuine. This then reminds us to be careful in what we take to use in the ritual.

After a long discussion on the merits or demerits of every item to be applied the following order of service was proposed to be approved and used at the Annual Conference.

It is hoped that after this first attempt people will be invited to comment and give suggestions.

The question of Elements to be used was not solved and was shelved for further study — suggestions are called for.

During the distribution it was recommended that people use a light clap before receiving and use both hands as is customary in African Culture. Continuous movement should be adopted instead of waiting to be dismissed.

1. (a) Rukoko — Maoko and Mhururu.
(b) Uyai tiimbire Jehova
2. Hymn — 1
3. Apostles Creed
4. Prayer — Pastoral Prayer
5. Announcements
6. Bible Reading
7. Sermon
8. Offering
9. Ritual — Continue with the ritual as it is on to the distribution of elements.
10. After distribution — we carry on with the Lord's Prayer
11. Hymn—Chandirambidza denga chinyi and the shaking of hands with drum playing.
12. Benediction.

Dr. Zvomunondiita Kurewa—Chairman

P. Matsikenyiri—Secretary.

Resolutions Committee

1. We praise Bishop A. T. Muzorewa for his charismatic leadership both in the church and our country. We are very grateful for the pain which our Bishop in cooperation with other

leaders took to unify the people of Zimbabwe. We have noted that he is given very high regards in the whole world. We are grateful for the return of Bishop's passport by the Government.

2. We appreciate the hearty welcome extended by the D.S., Rev. J. B. Jijita, the host pastor, Rev. M. Chiza, the District Lay Leader Mr. Mataranyika and the hard working District members for their hospitality.

The entertainment: Zimunya group, Muchongoyo, Mutambara Staff Choir, Maringapasi group, and Martha Shamu who memorized thirty verses from different passages in the New Testament. The Bishop's reception was inspired by these groups.

3. We deeply appreciate the visit of Bishop and Mrs. Wayne K. Clymer of the Minnesota Conference and thank Bishop Clymer for his inspiring messages. We are also indebted to the Rev. Josiah Kurewa for his challenging devotions.

4. Mr. Elliot Musumhi has served the Conference faithfully as Secretary. We express our deep appreciation to him as he is leaving the office.

5. We also extend our gratitude to the Assistant Secretary Rev. J. Munjoma and his associates, Miss Ball, Mr. Chibanguza and Mr. Bisby for their fine work.

6. Miss P. Fulmer and her typists deserve our warm thanks for their hard work. We also thank Mr. DeWolf and the students from Epworth for their services here.

7. In Mr. Marima's report he mentioned a bird which sits on eggs for twenty-one days until the temperature rises. This saying actually related to what Mr. W. Marima himself did. The Temperature of the Conference has risen to a very high degree. We thank you Mr. Marima for your unchallengable work.

8. We do not forget the spirit shown by Rev. J. Bisby and the work he did as D.S. We thank you.

9. We thank our chiefs Mutambara and Zimunya for welcoming the Conference and their gifts.

10. We do want to thank the Methodist Synod for sending their Fraternal Delegates.

11. We thank Mr. Dangarembga and Mr. Chimhanda for keeping us informed with daily news, from the radio and newspapers.

12. We do not have enough words to thank the honourable chief Maranke for his generous giving towards Nyadiri and Old Umtali orphans.

13. A vote of thanks is given to the cooks and hostesses for the delicious food served during Conference.

14. Mr. Reginald Chikanyambidze, Rev. Ball, Rev. Bisby, the Mutambara choir, the Chiramba choir, the Sakubva choir and the Zimunya choral group and Mr. P. Matsikenyiri are all thanked

for the high quality of music heard in this session of Conference.

15. We finally thank you all for your fine spirit in our discussions.

Submitted by,
Rev. I. Mawokomatanda
Rev. N. Dziwa.

Rhodesia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church Budget 1975

DEVELOPMENT	1975	salaries
Mtoko - Nyadiri District	1100,00	
Mrewa District	1100,00	
Umtali South District	1100,00	
Mtasa-Makoni District	1100,00	
Salisbury-Bulawayo District	1100,00	
Conference Evangelism	500,00	\$1500,00
Conf. Church Ext. (Pastoral Support)	5500,00	
(\$2000,00 on books now for Conf. As.)		
Conference Assessments	7500,00	
Pastors' Travel	1944,00	
Church Music	—	
Min. Pension Fund	1632,00	
Conference Stewardship	300,00	
Pastors' School	—	
Urban Ministry	—	
Total Church Development	\$22876,00	1500,00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION		
Conference Director		1320,00
Conference Director—Budget	500,00	
Woman's Bible Trainer		1020,00
Women's Trainer—Budget	180,00	
Deaconess—Salisbury Budget	48,00	690,00
Deaconess—Mangula Budget	24,00	330,00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TOTAL	752,00	3360,00
EDUCATION		
Nyamuzuwe High School		
Nyadiri T.T.		
Mrewa High School		
Hartzell High School		
Mutambara High School		
Sunnyside High School		
Mrewa Student Chaplain		(2460,00)
Education Secretary		
EDUCATION TOTAL		(2460,00)

MEDICAL

National Drs. Salary		
Nyadiri Hospital	8000,00	
Old Umtali Hospital	8000,00	
Mutambara Hospital	2000,00	
Nyadiri Hospital Chaplain		180,00
MEDICAL TOTAL	18000,00	180,00

SOCIAL-INDUSTRIAL-ECONOMIC

African Girls' Hostel	300,00	1200,00
Sakubva Christian Centre	2660,00	
TOTAL	2960,00	1200,00

AGRICULTURAL RURAL

Land Agent So. No. 1	150,00	
Land Agent So. No. 2	260,00	
Land Agent No.	200,00	
Conference Ranching	—	
Conference Agriculture	—	
AGRICULTURAL RURAL TOTAL	610,00	

LITERATURE & COM. (UMBOWO) 3000,00

CONFERENCE ASSESSMENTS

	1975	
Episcopal Fund	500,00	
General Conference	40,00	
Conference Adm. & Conf. Treasurer	250,00	
Central Conference Travel	400,00	
Conference Reports	150,00	
Moving Pastors	920,00	
Ministers Conf. Food and Travel	600,00	
Travel-Conference Lay Leader	150,00	
Travel Fraternal Delegates	70,00	
Salaries, D.S.	810,00	
Journal	300,00	
Taxes	1200,00	
TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	12590,00	

COOPERATIVE PROJECTS

Epworth	9000,00	
Rhodesia Christian Council	300,00	
Theological Tutor		3120,00
COOPERATIVE PROJECTS TOTAL	9300,00	3120,00

ADMINISTRATION

Adm. Office Salisbury	9250,00	
Adm. Contingency	200,00	
Taxes/Insurance (See Assessments)		
Centre Church Allowance	360,00	
BOFAC Sec. Expenses	125,00	
Conference Journal	700,00	
Travel to Meetings	900,00	
Conference Auditor	500,00	
Cultivation & Promotion	500,00	
Field Treasurer		1800,00
ADMINISTRATION TOTAL	12535,00	1800,00

ADVANCE PROGRAMME SUPPORT FUND 1977

Christian Centres	2000,00	
Church Extension	2000,00	
Pastors' Continuing Education	1000,00	
Teacher Training	1000,00	
District Church Work	5000,00	
Evangelism	3000,00	
Equipment (School - 5000,00		
(CHurch -5000,00)	21000,00	
(Hospital -6000,00)		
UMBOWO Church Paper	1000,00	
Medical Work	5000,00	
Misc. Emergency Fund	6000,00	
Hartzell High School (Jr. Coll.)	3000,00	
Rural Development	2000,00	
Scholarship	18000,00	
Sunnyside High School	2000,00	
Women's Work	2000,00	
Urban Ministries	2000,00	
Technical Education	4000,00	
ADVANCE PROGRAMME TOTALS	75000,00	

INCOME

BOARD APPROPRIATION '75 Bal. 74	\$60322,00
Adv. Support 74 & Misc.	3311,00
Persons in Mission (1974)	3138,00
Norway Christian Centre Work	1000,00
Norway Umtali Girls' Hostel	300,00
Adv. Programme Support	5279,00
MGEP	4000,00
Persons in Missions (1975)	1650,00
TOTAL	\$79000,00

TOTALS

Development	22876,00	1500,00
Christian Education	752,00	3360,00
Education		2460,00
Medical	18000,00	180,00
Soc.-Indus.-Econ.	2960,00	1200,00
Agriculture	610,00	
Literature	3000,00	
Admin.	12535,00	1800,00
Co-op.	9300,00	3120,00
(Work Budget)	70033,00	13620,00
Total	83356,00	13620,00

Proposed Budget Sources for 1975

Board Appropriation 1975 plus 1974 balance.....	60322
Advance Sup. 1974 balances plus Finland gift.....	3311
Persons in Mission 1974 balance.....	3138
Norway: Christian Centre Work.....	1000
Norway: Umtali Girls' Hostel.....	300
Advance Programme Support 1975.....	5279
M. G. E. P.....	2053
Persons in Mission 1975.....	1650
Conference Assessments	2000
Sweeden: Christian Education	3300
Nyadiri Baby Fold.....	1300
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Part VII

Rhodesia Annual Conference Calendar, 1975

FEBRUARY

- 8- 9 Youth Leadership Training (Gwelo) Sby/Byo District.
- 9-16 Christian Social Concerns week.
- 12 Ash Wednesday
- 15 M.U.M.C. North Large Executive at Mrewa Centre
- 16 First Sunday in Lent
- 21-23 Mtasa-Makoni District Conference (Chitenderano)

MARCH:

- 7 World Day of Prayer
- 14-16 Mtoko-Nyadiri District Conference (Bondamakara)
- 23 Palm Sunday
- 28 Good Friday
- 30 Easter Sunday

APRIL

- 11-13 Umtali South District Youth Leadership Training
- 12-13 Salisbury-Bulawayo District Conference (Bulawayo)
- 17-19 Mtasa-Makoni District Youth Leadership Training
- 20-27 Ecumenical Arts Workshop (United College Bulawayo)
- 21-25 R.R.W. Leadership Training

MAY:

- 2-4 Mtoko-Nyadiri Youth Leadership Training
- 8 Ascension Day
- 11 R.R.W. Sunday
- 18 Whit Sunday
- 25 Trinity Sunday

JUNE:

- 1 First Sunday after Trinity
- 6-8 Mrewa District Conference (Muchinjike)
- 29 Student Loan Sunday

JULY:

- 18-20 Umtali South District Conference (Nyanyadzi)
- 20 Harvest Sunday
- 25-27 Umtali South District Youth Revival

AUGUST:

- 21-24 M.U.M.C. South Convention (Nhedziwa, Mutambara)
- 22-24 Mtasa-Makoni District Youth Revival
- 27-31 R.R.W. North Convention at Chiwake
- 29-31 Mtoko-Nyadiri District Youth Revival

SEPTEMBER:

- 3-7 R.R.W. South Convention (Chiringaodzi)
- 6-7 Salisbury-Bulawayo District Youth Revival
- 11-14 M.U.M.C. North Convention (Epworth)
- 14 Ministry Sunday (Send money to Conference Treasurer)
- 21 U.M.Y.F. Sunday
- 28 Christian Education Sunday

OCTOBER:

- 5 World Communion Sunday
- 12 Laity Sunday
- 31-1 November Umtali South District Lay Training
(Mafararikwa)

NOVEMBER:

- 2 Drug and Alcohol Concerns Sunday
- 7-9 Mtasa-Makoni Lay Training

- 22 M.U.M.C. North Large Executive
- 28-30 Mtoko-Nyadiri Lay Training
- 30 First Sunday in Advent
- 30 Bible Sunday

DECEMBER:

- 6- 7 Salisbury-Bulawayo Lay Training
- 12-14 Mrewa District Lay Training
- 12-18 U.M.Y.F. Annual General Conference (Mtasa-Makoni)
- 16-19 R.R.W. Dumba
- 21 Christmas Sunday
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Year's Eve (Watch Night)

December 29th-January 4th 1976, Rhodesia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church at Nyamuzuwe United Methodist Centre.

Submitted by
Rev. Jonathan W. Engai Maramba.

Part VIII **Memoirs**

DOROTHY TICHAFARA MUZOREWA was the dear daughter of the Rev. Martin and Miriam Chiza. She was born in Umtali Hospital on the 26th of November, 1947.

She received her primary education at Hartzell Training School. When her parents left for further studies in Great Britain in 1957 Dorothy stayed with Mrs. Mataure. For secondary education she attended Nyatsime College and Mrewa High School and then went to Nyadiri Hospital where she received her Nursing Certificate in March 1971.

Dorothy worked as a nurse at Old Umtali Hospital for a short period in 1972 and then went to America to marry the Rev. Henry Gwinyai Muzorewa on the 3rd of June, 1972. She joined her husband for further studies at Kendall College in the West Wisconsin Conference. This was in addition to working full time as a nurse with cancer patients. Their daughter Rudo was born in America on the 12th of December, 1973.

Dorothy suddenly fell ill with a miscarriage and passed away the following day, the 23rd of August, 1974.

Receiving this message in Rhodesia we were grieved that Dorothy, a woman of love and kindness, a true Christian who enjoyed fellowship with others, had left us. It is our hope and feeling that Dorothy is now singing glory to the Son of God, Jesus, and we are looking forward to joining her too.

HARRIET LODGE GATES—widow of Dr. John R. Gates passed away on April 6, 1974.

Miss Lodge came to Rhodesia as a young lady and was married to John R. Gates in St. Andrews Church, Umtali. She started the very first school in Umtali and she herself was a very fine music teacher.

Dr. and Mrs. John R. Gates were much loved and their names are associated with our first ministers. John R. Gates was the General Superintendent of the work of the church in the entire Conference, acting in place of a Bishop who was sent out once a year by the church in America.

Mrs. Gates leaves two daughters—Harriet and Mary and several grand children. Harriet is a medical doctor in the United States. Her husband is a pathologist whose books are well known by doctors throughout the world. Mary was married to the nephew of the Prime Minister of Canada.

Throughout the years Mrs. John R. Gates has kept a keen interest in and love for the people of Rhodesia.

Another one of those who first brought Christ to Rhodesia has gone to her life's reward.

HARRY EVANS was born in Folsom, West Virginia on June 16, 1907. Dr. Evans and his wife Marie, arrived in Rhodesia in late 1969 after retirement from their work in Florida.

Over a period of thirty years, he had served in various educational positions: as principal, University professor, director of Vocational and Technical Education for Alachua County Schools and Dean of the Columbia Community College at Lake City, Florida.

He ministered to three Florida Methodist Churches and participated in many civic and business enterprises.

His Ph.D. was in School Administration and Supervision in Education with Vocational and Technical Education the subject for his doctoral dissertation. It was largely this interest which called him to Rhodesia. Before he was given an appointment in Education, he served briefly as minister for the Rusape Wesley Circuit, was active in the Salisbury Mufakose Circuit, then assisted in opening and managing the Market Square Bookroom in Salisbury.

As Educational Consultant for the Rhodesia Annual Conference, the aim was to evaluate our Rhodesian educational system.

The Evans returned to the States in April, 1972.

Harry died on the 28th of August this year in a Tampa, Florida hospital from Cardio-Pulmonary Arrest and Carcinoma of the Lung, leaving his wife, Marie, a son and two daughters.

Rev. W. Mawanga—Chairman

Mrs. E. Matzigkeit—Secretary

Part IX

ROLL OF OUR HONOURED DEAD

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord"

(a) Bishops:

Bishop Joseph Crane Hartzell, Born June 1, 1842, Died September 6, 1928, Bishop for Africa May 1896-1916
 Bishop Eben S. Johnson, Born (Unknown), Died December 1939, Bishop for Africa, 1916-1936.
 Bishop John M. Springer, Born (Unknown). Died December 2, 1963. Bishop for Rhodesia 1936-1944.
 Bishop Newell Snow Booth, Born (Unknown). Died May 17, 1968. Bishop for Congo and Southern Africa 1944-1956.

(b) Members of Conference

Place of Birth	Ent'd Conf.	Yrs. of Service	Died	Age	Place of Burial	Journal Record in
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Buchwalter, Abraham L.	Fertility, Penn.	1899	26	Aug. 3, 1917	52	Monrovia, California	1917
Gurney, Samuel	Long Branch, N.J.	1887	21	Aug. 3, 1924	64	Salisbury, So. Rhodesia	1924
Howard, Herbert N.	Harrisburg, Penn.	1907	11	Mar. 7, 1925	55	Canandaigua, N.Y.	1925
Greeley, Eddy H.	Owatonna, Minn.	1907	30	April 8, 1938	80	Old Umtali, So. Rhod.	1938
Faku, Clifford Edward	Fort Beaufort, C.	1924	27	Febr'y 1946	64	Fort Beaufort, Cape	1946
Kapenzi, Amos	Gandanzara	1928	20	May 4, 1948	50	Nyadiri, So. Rhodesia.	1951
Zimonte, Ebson	Uzumba	1942	8	Mar. 14, 1950	35	Nyadiri, So. Rhodesia	1951
Huie, Carl William	Oneonta, Ala.	1946	4	July 21, 1950	41	Old Umtali, So. Rhod.	1951
Darikwa, Isaiah	Umtasa	1924	27	Aug. 17, 1951	62	Old Umtali, So. Rhod.	1951
Chimonyo, Obadiah	Nyambuka, Inya.	1932	23	Aug. 25, 1955	63	Old Umtali, So. Rhod.	1955
Marange, Thomas	Mount Makomwe	1923	25	Febr'y 1958	72	Makomwe, So. Rhod.	1963
Bourgaize, Wilfred	Ilse, Guernsey	1921	25	Apr. 11, 1958	67	Old Umtali, So. Rhod.	1957
Aeschliman, Edward John	Rib Lake, Wiscon.	1916	44	Jan. 26, 1960	72	Old Umtali, So. Rhod.	1963
Mandisodza, David	Umtasa	1921	30	Dec. 29, 1962	75	Vumbunu, So. Rhod.	1963
Gates, Robert C.	Renova, Pa.	1923	23	October 1964		Renova, Pa.	1963
Mukombiwa, Zachariah	Gazaland	1926	40	Feb. 21, 1965		Muchinjike	1963

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Murphree, Marshall J.	Oneonta, Ala.	1920	37	Oct. 7, 1966	Oneonta, Ala.	1967
Marange, Titus		1924	39	Dec. 7, 1966	Maranke Res.	1967
Ngonyama, Reginald		1925	27	Mar. 7, 1969	Old Umtali	1967
Aldrich, Sylvia	Hadley, Mich.	1953	9	May 14, 1969	72 Hadley, Mich.	1970
Mandisodza, Wilson	Inyanga	1942	25	Dec. 26, 1969	Muziti	1970
Matongo, Ezekiel	Nyamukwarara	1955	15	Mar. 6, 1970	46 Old Umtali	1972
Jangano, Elias	Nyakatsapa	1948	23	April 26, 1971	76 Old Umtali	1972
Nduna John Gonzo	Mutema T.T.L.	1928	36	Aug. 21, 1972	Rowa Farm 56	1973
Roberts, George Arthur	Marathon, Iowa	1921	43	July 29, 1973	91 U.S.A.	1974

(c) Wives of Members:

Naomi Mparutsa, Wife of Moses Mparutsa, died February 12th, 1933.

Emma Katsidzira, Wiwe of Murashwa Katsidzira, died May 3rd 1933.

Emily Faku, Wife of CliffordFaku, died March 1, 1934.

Lydia Sika Munjoma, Wife of Isaiah Munjoma, died February 12th, 1945.

Hilda Ngonyama, Wife of R. N. Ngonyama, died 1948.

Tseneka Chitombo, Wife of Jonah Chitombo, died August 30th, 1948.

Tumani Mandisodza, Wife of David Mandisodza, died June 14th, 1953.

Bertha Fowles Roberts, Wife of G. A. Roberts, aged 73 died May 9th 1957. She served in Southern Rhodesia 1910-1950.
Buried at Old Umtali.

Edith Kapenzi, Wife of Amos Kapenzi, died January 23, 1963. Buried at Old Umtali.

Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell, came to Rhodesia in 1910, and retired in 1951. Died on January 26, 1967 in the U.S.A.

Mary Ann Fink, came to Rhodesia 1955. Died October, 1966.

Misodzi Elizabeth Chieza, Wife of Philip Chieza, died February 7, 1969. Buried at Muziti.

Rebecca Mukombiwa, Wife of Zachariah Mukombiwa, died Oct. 23, 1969. Buried at Muchinjike.

Emily Hakuzari Rugayo, Wife of Jackson Rugayo, died July 1, 1972.

Mildred Concord Gates, age 75, died April 25, 1970 served as a missionary in Rhodesia 1922-1963, buried in Renova, Pa. U.S.A.

Taurwi Katsidzira, Wife of Benjamin Katsidzira, died in 1972.

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(d) Other Workers:

- Miss Sadie Rexrode, W.F.M.S., age 38, died January 22, 1921, after three year service in So. Rhodesia. Buried at Old Umtali.
- Mr. Charles F. Taylor, age 67, missionary to China, died in the Umtali Hospital, August 14th, 1937 and was buried at Old Umtali.
- Miss E. E. Bjorklund, age 63, died November 19th, 1930. Her missionary service extended over a period of thirty-five years. She served in China and Japan from 1894 to 1900 in East Africa at Inhambane 1910-1915 and in Rhodesia at Old Umtali 1915-1929. Buried at Old Umtali.
- Miss Mildred O. Benson, age 42, died July 12th 1937, a missionary of the W.F.M.S. She served in S. Rhodesia at Old Umtali, 1926-1937. Buried at Old Umtali.
- Miss Pearl Mullikin, age 71, died 12th July, 1950. She served in S. Rhodesia from 1909-1939. Buried at Wilmore, Kentucky.
- Miss Lois Pfaff, age 53, died March 14th, 1962, served as a missionary for 18 years. Buried at Old Umtali.
- Miss Frances Quinton, age 82, died February 28th, 1965. Served in Rhodesia from 1917-1845. Buried in Frankfort, Indiana.
- Mrs. Margaret Brancel, age 35, died September 14th, 1965. Served in Rhodesia from 1963-1965. Buried at Nyamuzuwe, Rhodesia.
- Miss Grace Clark, died 1965. Served in Rhodesia 1912-1947.
- Miss Esther Russell, age 38, died September 2, 1966. Served in Rhodesia 1951-1966. Buried at Rome, Pa.
- Mrs. Inger Johanne W. Jansen, died April 20th, 1969. Served in Rhodesia 1950-1961. Buried in Norway.
- Mr. Charles LeMasters, died Oct. 12, 1969. Served in Rhodesia 1960-1964. Buried in America.
- Sherertz, Dwight Lamar; age 77; died January 19, 1970, served as a missionary in Rhodesia 1952-1958, buried in Virginia, U.S.A.
- Rev. Ernest Lawrence Sells, age 73, died September 7, 1972, served as a missionary in Rhodesia 1929-1964. Member of Rhodesia Conference 1929-1964.
- Miss Esther Rehm, age 35, died March 17, 1973, served as a missionary in Rhodesia 1967-1973, buried at Nyadiri Mission.
- Mrs. Pearl Willis Jones age 80, died July 22, 1973, served as a missionary in Rhodesia 1950-1960, buried in U.S.A.
- Dr. Harry Evans age 67, died August 28, 1974, served as a missionary in Rhodesia 1969-1972.

Part X

HISTORICAL

Conference Sessions

EAST CENTRAL AFRICA MISSION CONFERENCE

TIME	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
1901 Nov. 16	Umtali and Old Umtali	Hartzell	Springer
1903 Sept. 29	Umtali	Hartzell	Beetham
1905 May 26	Umtali	Hartzell	Ferris
1907 Mar. 13	Umtali	Hartzell	Ferris
1907 Nov. 22	Umtali	Hartzell	Ferris
1909 July 10	Umtali	Hartzell	Greeley
1910 Aug. 17	Umtali	Hartzell	Greeley
1911 June 7	Umtali	Hartzell	Gurney
1912 Feb. 17	Old Umtali	(J. R. Gates)	O'Farrell
1913 Oct. 22	Old Umtali	Hartzell	Greeley

RHODESIA MISSION CONFERENCE

1915 Jan. 20	Old Umtali	Hartzell	Greeley
1916 Feb. 16	Old Umtali	(J. R. Gates)	Greeley
1917 May 3	Old Umtali	Johnson	Greeley
1917 Dec. 7	Old Umtali	Johnson	J. R. Gates
1919 April 4	Umtali	Johnson	Gurney
1921 June 13	Old Umtali	Johnson	James
1922 June 14	Old Umtali	Johnson	James
1923 June 19	Old Umtali	Shepard	James
1924 Aug. 13	Old Umtali	Johnson	James
1925 June 25	Old Umtali	Johnson	Wagner
1926 Nov. 4	Nyadiri	Johnson	R. C. Gates
1927 June 14	Old Umtali	Johnson	Murphree
1928 Sept. 10	Old Umtali	Johnson	Murphree
1929 July 3	Old Umtali	Johnson	Murphree
1930 July 9	Mutambara	Johnson	Murphree

RHODESIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1931 July 8	Mrewa	Johnson	Sells
1932 Sept. 28	Old Umtali	Johnson	Sells
1933 June 14	Old Umtali	Johnson	Sells
1934 June 13	Old Umtali	Johnson	Sells
1935 July 9	Old Umtali	Johnson	Adkins
1936 Dec. 6	Old Umtali	Springer	Sells
1937 Oct. 6	Nyadiri	Springer	Sells
1938 Oct. 5	Old Umtali	Springer	Sells
1939 Nov. 8	Old Umtali	Springer	Sells

Historical (Continued)

THE METHODIST CHURCH

1939	Nov.	10	Old Umtali	Springer	Sells
1940	July	24	Mrewa	Springer	Sells
1941	Sept.	2	Old Umtali	Springer	Sells
1942	Sept.	1	Mutambara	Springer	Sells
1943	Aug.	31	Old Umtali	Springer	Sells
1944	Sept.	5	Old Umtali	Springer	Sells
1945	Aug.	21	Nyadiri	Booth	Sells
1946	Aug.	22	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells
1947	Aug.	25	Old Umtali	Booth	Fuller
1948	Aug.	23	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells
1949	Aug.	25	Old Umtali	Booth	Fuller
1950	Aug.	23	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells
1951	Aug.	19	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells
1952	Aug.	19	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells
1953	Aug.	16	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells
1954	Aug.	15	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells
1955	Aug.	14	Old Umtali	Hagen	Hassing
1956	Aug.	29	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells
1957	April	23	Old Umtali	Dodge	Sells
1958	May	4	Old Umtali	Dodge	Sells
1959	May	3	Nyadiri	Dodge, Booth	Goodloe
1960	April	29	Old Umtali	(Griffin), Dodge	Goodloe
1961	May	1	Old Umtali	Dodge	Choto
1962	April	23	Nyadiri	Booth	Choto
1963	April	29	Mutambara	Dodge	Choto
1964	May	11	Mrewa	Dodge	Choto
1965	May	3	Old Umtali	Zunguze	Muzorewa
1966	May	3	Nyadiri	(Kawadza)	Muzorewa
1967	May	2	Mutambara	(Kawadza)	Muzorewa

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1968	May	7	Old Umtali	Zunguze	Muzorewa
1969	April	29	Mrewa	Muzorewa	Kurewa
1970	Jan.	6	Nyadiri	Muzorewa	Kurewa
1970	June	12	Old Umtali	Muzorewa	Musumhi
1971	Jan.	5	Mutambara	Muzorewa	Musumhi
1972	Jan.	4	Old Umtali	Muzorewa	Musumhi
1973	Jan.	8	St. Ignatius	Muzorewa	Musumhi
1973	Dec.	31	Nyadiri	Muzorewa	Musumhi
1974	Dec.	30	Mutambara	Muzorewa	(Munjoma)



SALISBURY—BULAWAYO DISTRICT

WORKERS

Members of Conference

A. Under appointment

(1) Africans

(2) Missionaries

B. Others

(1) Africans

(2) Missionaries

2 On Trial

3 Missionaries

4 Other Missionary Workers

5 Other Salaried Pastoral Workers

A. Approved Supply Pastors

B. Local preachers and evangelists

6 Other Christian life work

7 Volunteer workers

A. Local Preachers

B. Exhorters and Class leaders

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

8 Baptized Children (under 12 years)

9 Enrolled beginners

10 Preparatory Members

11 Total on Probation (8, 9, 10)

12 (a) Full Members (F)

(b) Full Members (M)

(c) Total Full Members

13 Members Men's Society

14 Members Women's Society

15 Members Youth Society

	BULAWAYO	MANGULA	HARARE	HIGHFIELD	MABVUKU	MUFAKOSE	MIDLANDS	MARANDELLAS	TOTAL
1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1		10
(1) Africans				2	2	1			5
(2) Missionaries									1
2		1							1
3									1
4			4	1	3	1			11
5	1	1		3				1	3
A. Approved Supply Pastors									1
B. Local preachers and evangelists									
6	1								1
7									
A. Local Preachers	11	19	13	18	30	13	15	8	127
B. Exhorters and Class leaders	16	14	48	40	48	17		11	194
8	255	88	50	377	282	676		83	1811
9	33			66	31			23	153
10	103	42	57	220	60	273	60	23	1109
11	391	130	107	663	607	949		131	3073
12 (a)	159	92	274	259	209	174	45	61	1273
(b)	147	77	236	291	206	138	35	36	1166
(c)	306	169	510	550	415	312	80	97	2439
13	52	9	50	49	63	48	8	9	287
14	107	46	130	149	93	109	19	63	672
15	89	18	128	98	63	60	46	19	548

16	Number of Preaching places	5	4	4	4	7	4	1	6	30
17	Number of Sunday Schools	10	8	4	5	2	4		2	45
18	Number of Teachers and Officers in Sunday Schools	19	10	8	22	5	11		18	93
19	Number of Pupils in Sunday Schools	220	98	130	355	115	262		133	1313
20	Average Attendance	180	74	70	218	70	162		113	887

PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

22	Children Baptized	26	42	40	52	46	95	17	46	354
23	Adults Baptized	22	12	49	18	13		8	16	138
24	Beginners Received	79		30	22				8	139
25	Preparatory Members Received	66		8	37	19	47	16	5	198
26	Full Members from Probation	16	17	33	24	31	37	24	30	212
27	Full Members received by transfer	45	5	25	17	48	12	6	3	161
28	Full Members removed by Transfer	12	20	6	21	8	12		2	81
29	Full Members who died	2		2	1	1	1	1	2	10
30	Christian Marriages performed	4		8	23	12	3	8	1	61

CHURCH FINANCES

31	Ministerial Support	\$1188	\$ 952	\$2284	\$1130	\$1152	\$1032	\$ 979	\$ 744	\$9461
34	Annual Conference Administration									958
38	Benevolences	\$ 350								566
39	Buildings and Repairs	\$ 28		\$ 59	\$ 41	\$ 32	\$ 32	\$ 2	\$ 5	350
40	Other purposes									\$ 199
41	Total Contribution of local churches (31-40)									\$11934
42	Total amount received from outside local churches									

- A From Conference Benevolences
- B. From World Service funds

PROPERTIES

43	Number of Church Buildings	5	1	1	3	1		1		11
	A Permanent	1		1	2	1		1		6
	B. Semi-Permanent									
	C. Temporary	4			1					5
44	Number of Parsonages			1		2				3

MREWA DISTRICT

	CHIKORE LANDA	HEADLANDS	KARABABA PFUNGWE	MREWA CENTRE	MREWA EAST	MREWA NORTH	MREWA SOUTH	MREWA WEST	NHOMWE	UZUMBA	TOTAL
WORKERS											
Members of Conference	1										
A. Under appointment	1	1		2	1	1	1	1		1	9
(1) Africans											
(2) Missionaries											
B. Others											
(1) Africans	1					1					2
(2) Missionaries											1
2 On Trial			1								3
3 Missionaries											1
4 Other Missionaries Workers				3							3
5 Other Salaried Pastoral Workers											1
A. Approved Supply Pastors									1		1
B. Local preachers and evangelists											
6 Other Christian life work											
7 Volunteer workers											
A. Local Preachers	38	41	33	12	41	38	55		29	46	333
B. Exhorters and Class leaders		48	31	48	126	53	27		33	82	448
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY											
8 Baptized Children (under 12 years)	25	422	4	165	117	528	65	54	105	137	1622
9 Enrolled beginners	25		23	120	126	17	84	51	74	99	619
10 Preparatory Members	34	111	53	75	82	385	64	52	56	102	1014
11 Total on Probation (8, 9, 10)	84	533	80	360	325	930	213	157	235	338	3255
12 (a) Full Members (F)	278	301	103	228	367	465	263	244	335	412	2996
(b) Full Members (M)	38	148	35	68	68	67	30	71	62	64	651
(c) Total Full Members	316	449	138	296	430	532	293	315	397	476	3642
13 Members Men's Society	25	27	20	21	26	46	30	33	28	44	300
14 Members Women's Society	141	176	77	137	265	268	203	199	226	293	1985
15 Members Youth Society	13	29	28	92	97	103	63	45	79	28	577

16	Number of Preaching places	7	4	12	3	9	11	8	9	6	13	82
17	Number of Sunday Schools	17		14	14	9	19	16	17	18	22	146
18	No. Teachers and Officers in Sunday Schools	17		21	30	20	30	22	17	33	84	274
19	Number of Pupils in Sunday Schools	192		529	365	225	933	442	246	349	731	4012
20	Average Attendance	160		436	360	210	651	282	205	315	591	3510

PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

22	Children Baptized	37		6	5	27	87	54	37	80	23	356
23	Adults Baptized	30		6	27	4	46	67	22	47	51	300
24	Beginners Received	17		7	35	53	43	64	21	36	97	373
25	Preparatory Members Received			16	48	9	39	60	36	33	56	297
26	Full Members from Probation	35			27	21	33		27	27	49	225
27	Full Members received by transfer			6	11	6	4	10	5	6	3	51
28	Full Members removed by Transfer	1		3	15	8	6	3	8	3	7	53
29	Full Members who died	3		2		4	10			4	3	24
30	Christian Marriage performed				8	5	11	5	9	5	9	55

CHURCH FINANCES

31	Ministerial Support	\$ 979	\$1020	\$ 434	\$ 983	\$1020	\$ 740	\$ 619	\$ 930	\$ 630	970	8325
34	Annual Conference Administration											\$ 477
38	Benevolences											\$ 330
41	Total Contributions of Local Churches (31-40)											\$9132

42 Total amount received from outside local Churches

- A. From Conference Benevolences
- B. From World Service funds

PROPERTIES

43	Number of Church Buildings	2	2	3	4	4	11	1	3	3	13	46
	A. Permanent	2	2	3	1	3	5	1	3	3	1	24
	B. Semi-Permanent				2	2	6					8
	C. Temporary				1	1					12	14
44	Number of Parsonages	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9

15	Members Youth Society	53	44	108	33	48	39	68	133	101	87	171	885
16	Number of Preaching places	9	8	12	7	1	5	8	6	12	14	12	94
17	Number of Sunday Schools	11	29	13	14	8	4	8	10	20	12	6	135
18	No. of Teachers and Officers in Sunday Schools	39	30	15	15	18	36	17	10	57	22	15	274
19	Number of Pupils in Sunday School	208	412	256	246	194	375	480	431	780	550	390	4322
20	Average Attendance	164	352	214	198	214	320	330	290	672	320	346	3420

PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

22	Children Baptized	58	74	34	5	10	36	14	50	23	8	312
23	Adults Baptized	44	38	17		16	19	12	4	12	250	412
24	Beginners Received	56	47	21		35	46	11	16	28	12	272
25	Preparatory Members Received		50	18		23	20	22	17	22	22	194
26	Full Members from Probation	44	28	14		18	29	21	35	47	29	236
27	Full Members received by transfer	16	18	8			6	2	18	2	29	99
28	Full Members removed by Transfer	7	18	4	8		5	5	33	7	9	96
29	Full Members who died		7	3			5	3	8	2	2	30
30	Christian Marriages performed	16	14	7	8	3	8		12	12		80

CHURCH FINANCES

31	Ministerial Support	\$ 852	\$ 875	\$ 1020	\$ 600	\$ 720	\$ 660	\$ 744	\$ 2196	\$ 1020	\$ 1020	\$ 1344	\$ 11051
34	Annual Conference Administration												\$ 1072
38	Benevolences												\$ 368
41	Total Contributions of Local Churches (31-40)												\$ 12491
42	Total amount received from outside local Churches												
	A. From Conference Benevolence												
	B. From World Service funds												

PROPERTIES

43	Number of Church Buildings	5	5	6	3	4	4	3	4	6	2	7	49
	A. Permanent	5	5	6	3	2	3	3	4	5	2	1	35
	B. Semi-Permanent					1	1			1		6	9
	C. Temporary					1						5	7
44	Number of Parsonages	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11

MTOKO—NYADIRI DISTRICT

WORKERS

Members of Conference

- A. Under appointment
- (1) Africans
- (2) Missionaries
- B. Others
- (1) Africans
- (2) Missionaries
- 2 On Trial
- 3 Missionaries
- 4 Other Missionary Workers
- 5 Other Salaried Pastoral Workers
- A. Approved Supply Pastors
- B. Local preachers and evangelists
- 6 Other Christian life work
- 7 Volunteer workers
- A. Local Preachers
- B. Exhorters and Class leaders

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

- 8 Baptized Children (under 12 years)
9 Enrolled beginners
10 Preparatory Members
11 Total on Probation (8, 9, 10)
12 (a) Full Members (F)
(b) Full Members (M)
(c) Total Full Members
13 Members Men's Society
14 Members Women's Society

MTOKO SOUTH	MTOKO EAST	MTOKO NORTH	MTOKO WEST	CHIKWIZO	DENDERA	NYADIRI CENTRE	NYADIRI CIRCUIT	NYAMUZUWE	TOTAL
1	1		1			1	1	1	6
1		1				2			3
				1			1		3
	1				2	8		3	2
					1				14
52	49	28	42	22	9	21	28	15	266
60	78	15	42	19	7	32	27	33	313
307	231	35	150	2	69	50	128	111	1083
108	74	15	128	19	57	61		93	555
81	74	12	87	57	6	97	108	85	707
96	379	62	365	78	132	208	236	280	2345
303	489	166	324	73	194	232	354	198	2523
57	50	21	43	22	24	154	56	63	490
60	539	177	367	95	218	386	410	261	3013
46	47	17	36	4	14	33	29	18	244
67	380	76	266	42	104	100	289	113	1737

15	Members Youth Society	172	106	20	35	8	11	36	37	58	483
16	Number of Preaching places	12	10	7	10	7	17	7	8	7	85
17	Number of Sunday Schools	16	20	8	18	15	11	3	8	11	99
18	No. Teachers and Officers in Sunday Schools	38	59	11	34	19	36	71	15	32	319
19	Number of Pupils in Sunday Schools	690	576	180	235	238	196	515	264	465	3359
20	Average Attendance	529	402	164	235	259	140	450	315	508	3002

PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

22	Children Baptized	27	22	23	23	3	8	6	9	37	152
23	Adults Baptized	44	26	16	26	4	19	21	24	13	189
24	Beginners Received	33	67	13	42	2	32	10		32	233
25	Preparatory Members Received	33	24	16	41		10	11	24	13	127
26	Full Members from Probation	44	32	23	29		12	29	6	3	204
27	Full Members received by Transfer		5	2	7	1	1	35	2	2	70
28	Full Members removed by Transfer	7	5	3	7	1	1	51	1	1	79
29	Full Members who died		2	1	1	1	3	4	1	1	11
30	Christian Marriages performed	8	12	1	3	1		9	2	5	44

CHURCH FINANCE

31	Ministerial Support	\$ 925	\$ 982	\$ 572	\$ 982	\$ 585	\$ 681	\$ 1020	\$ 850	\$ 1080	7677
34	Annual Conference Administration										\$ 414
38	Benevolences										\$ 161
41	Total Contributions of Local Churches (31-40)										\$ 8252
42	Total amount received from outside local Churches										
	A. From Conference Benevolence										
	B. From World Service funds										

PROPERTIES

43	Number of Church Buildings	3	10	3	5	1	9	1	2	7	41
	A. Permanent	3	3	3			2		1	1	13
	B. Semi-Permanent				5	1	5			2	13
	C. Temporary		7				2		1	4	14
44	Number of Parsonages		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8

MTASA—MAKONI DISTRICT

WORKERS

- Members of Conference
- A. Under appointment
- (1) Africans
- (2) Missionaries
- B. Others
- (1) Africans
- (2) Missionaries
- 2 On Trial
- 3 Missionaries
- 4 Other Missionary Workers
- 5 Other Salaried Pastoral Workers
- A. Approved Supply Pastors
- B. Local preachers and evangelists
- 6 Other Christian life work
- 7 Volunteer workers
- A. Local Preachers
- B. Exhorters and Class leaders

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

- 8 Baptized Children (under 12 years)
- 9 Enrolled beginners
- 10 Preparatory Members
- 11 Total on Probation (8, 3, 10)
- 12 (a) Full Members (F)
- (b) Full Members (M)
- (c) Total Full Members
- 13 Members Men's Society
- 14 Members Women's Society
- 15 Members Youth Society

	CHIDUKU NORTH	CHIDUKU SOUTH	GANDANZARA	HONDE VALLEY	INYANGA	MAKONI	MUNDENDA ODZI	NYAKATSAPA	RUSAPE CHIZAWANA	OLD UMTALI	NYAMKWARARA	TOTAL
	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	2		10
								1				1
				1				2				3
				1				2		1	1	3
										4		6
	44	35	35	24	24	19	34	19	46	12	12	304
	110	17	45	17	33	22	54	44	28	18	20	408
	40	172	367	45	258	104	674	484	156	115	20	2435
	80	65	97	53	354	57	401	80	41	35	66	1329
	306	115	206	117	162	56	415	249	126	75	39	1866
	426	352	670	215	774	217	1490	813	323	225	125	5630
	867	270	423	235	194	233	451	598	128	86	135	3621
	384	65	200	64	84	127	218	134	60	325	45	1686
	1231	335	623	300	278	360	669	732	188	411	180	5307
	100	24	47	23	32	15	50	27	22	23	17	380
	326	214	285	143	91	160	291	319	49	81	89	2048
	54	21	54	21	32	10	60	46		13	37	316

16	Number of Preaching places	26	5	6	7	5	6	11	10	4	2	6	88
17	Number Sunday Schools	17	10	12	14	10	6	17	9	3	3	17	118
18	No. of Teachers and Officers in Sunday Schools	28	12	13	28	22	13	62	20	6	23	24	251
19	Number of Pupils in Sunday Schools	464	370	299	140	283	350	454	366	90	650	220	5592
20	Average Attendance	422	300	214	96	273	170	424	207	40	635	129	2910

PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

22	Children Baptized			21	48	33	24	70	41	34	12	20	303
23	Adults Baptized			3	4	16	24	11	14	3	3	6	84
24	Beginners Received					158	6	51		37	12	66	330
25	Preparatory Members Received			141	62	52	33	88	26	9	12	39	462
26	Full Members from Probation			29	28	3	4	94	41	20	83	1	300
27	Full Members received by transfer			9	24		30	10	10	3	15	1	110
28	Full Members removed by Transfer			16	12	1	40	12	6		35	350	472
29	Full Members who died			5	6	2	1	12	6			1	33
30	Christian Marriages performed			9	3	4	4	8	12	7	2	4	53

CHURCH FINANCES

31	Ministerial Support	\$ 600	\$.888	\$ 660	\$ 605	\$ 671	\$ 1020	\$ 768	\$ 960	732	1380	550	\$834
34	Annual Conference Administration												\$ 785
38	Benevolences												\$ 223
41	Total Contributions of Local Churches												\$9842
42	Total amount received from Local Churches												
	A. From Conference Benevolence												
	B. From World Service funds												

PROPERTIES

43	Number of Church Buildings		5	6	3	3	3	8	3	1	2	7	41
	A. Permanent		4	2	2	3	3	4	3	1	2	3	27
	B. Semi-Permanent		1	3							3		7
	C. Temporary			1	1	1		4				1	7
44	Number of Parsonages		1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1		8

RHODESIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE DISTRICT TOTALS

WORKERS Members of Conference	DISTRICT					TOTAL
	MBEWA	MTASA	MTOKO	SALISBURY	UMTALI	
A. Under appointment						
(1) Africans	9	10	6	10	10	45
(2) Missionaries		1	3	5	2	11
B. Others						
(1) Africans	2	3	1	1	8	15
(2) Missionaries						
2 On Trial	1	3	2	1	2	9
3 Missionaries	3	6	14	11	7	41
5 Other Salaried Pastoral Workers				3	1	5
A. Approved Supply pastors						
B. Local Preachers and Evangelists						
6 Other Christian life work						
7 Volunteer workers						
A. Local Preachers	333	304	266	127	372	1402
B. Exhorters and Class lead	448	408	313	194	463	1826
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY						
8 Baptized Children (under 12 years)	1622	2435	1083	1811	1535	1886
9 Enrolled beginners	619	1329	555	153	1093	3749
10 Preparatory Members	1014	1866	707	1109	971	5667
11 Total on Probation (8, 9, 10)	3255	5630	2345	3073	3599	17902
12 (a) Full Members (F)	2996	3621	2523	1273	3864	14277
(b) Full Members	651	1686	490	1166	1849	5842
(c) Total Full Members	3647	5307	3013	2439	5713	20119
13 Members Men's Society	300	380	244	287	430	1641
14 Members Women's Society	1985	2048	1737	672	2822	9264
15 Members Youth Society	577	316	483	548	885	2809

16	Number of Preaching places	82	88	85	30	94	379
17	Number of Sunday Schools	146	118	99	45	135	543
18	Number of Teachers and Officers in Sunday Schools	274	251	319	93	274	1211
19	Number in Sunday Schools	4012	5592	3359	1313	4322	18598
20	Average Attendance	3510	2910	3002	887	3420	13729

PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

22	Children Baptized	356	303	152	364	312	1487
23	Adults Baptized	300	84	189	138	412	1123
24	Beginners Received	373	330	233	139	272	1347
25	Preparatory Members Received	297	462	127	198	194	1278
26	Full Members from Probation	225	300	204	212	236	1177
27	Full Members received by transfer	51	110	70	161	99	491
28	Full Members removed by transfer	53	472	79	81	96	781
29	Full Members who died	24	33	11	10	30	108
30	Christian Marriages performed	55	53	44	61	80	293

CHURCH FINANCES

31	Ministerial Support	\$ 8325	\$ 8834	\$ 7677	\$ 9461	\$ 11051	\$ 45348
34	Annual Conference Administration	\$ 477	\$ 785	\$ 414	\$ 958	\$ 1072	\$ 3706
38	Benevolences	\$ 330	\$ 223	\$ 161	\$ 566	\$ 368	\$ 1648
40	Other Purposes				\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 350
41	Total Contributions of Local Churches (31-40)	\$ 9132	\$ 9842	\$ 8252	\$ 11335	\$ 12491	\$ 51052
43	No. of Church Buildings	46	41	40	11	51	189
	A. Permanent	24	27	13	6	35	105
	B. Semi-Permanent	8	7	13		9	37
	C. Temporary	14	7	14	5	7	47
44	No. of Parsonages	9	8	8	3	11	39

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EDUCATIONAL					
31	No. of Schools	10	5	1	16
32	Number of Teachers in Schools	93	69	9	171
33	Number of Students (total)	3692	1463	165	5220
	A. Male	2024	885	114	3023
	B. Female	1568	578	51	2197
34	Finances (in dollars)				
	A. Local Support				
	(1) On Budget (Salaries in 6 primary schools	\$1,942.62			
	(2) On Buildings				
	B. Government Support				
	(1) On Budget (Salaries in 6 primary schools)	\$35,000.03			
	(2) On Buildings				
	C. World Service Support				
	(1) On Budget				
	(2) On Buildings				
	D. Total Teachers' Salaries				
	E. Total Expenses	\$36,942.65			
	(1) Budget				
	(2) Buildings				

* MEDICAL TOTALS

MEDICAL

35	Number of Units	1	1	1	
	A. Hospitals	8	5	1	
	B. Dispensaries or Treatment Centres				
	C. Maternity Centres				
36	Medical Staff	2	10	2	
	A. Doctors	20			
	B. Nurses	66			
	C. Nurses in training	69			
	D. Others				
37	Patients				
	A. Hospitalized				
	(1) Total Number of Patients	5,357	4,273	179	1900
	(2) Total Number of Days in Hospital	63093	31593	1049	32465
	B. Clinic Patients	22667	20065	6695	8775
	C. Daily Treatments	43320	52335	36151	14115
	D. Number of Maternity Patients	1767	917	90	631
38	Finances (in dollars)	\$169,173	\$30297	\$ 3720	\$ 8000
	District Clinic (patient fees)	\$51,943.39			
	A. Local Support (patient fees)				
	(1) On Budget		\$ 7835		\$ 15776
	(2) On Buildings		\$ 4808		
	B. Government Support	37,008.38			\$ 11044
	(1) On Budget				
	(2) On Buildings				
	C. World Service Support	\$8,500.93	\$ 3000		\$ 500
	(1) On Budget				\$ 2972
	(2) On Buildings		\$ 830		\$ 13700
	D. Totals Workers, Salaries	\$40,099.93	\$18339	\$1734	\$ 36000
	E. Total Expenses	\$102,343.09	\$45593	\$2894	\$ 32800
	(1) Budget		\$ 9300	\$ 65	
	(2) Buildings				

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

BULAWAYO

Bulawayo Circuit	4151
David Mudzengerere	60123-11

CASHEL

Mutambara Methodist Centre

Chairman (and Pastor)	0-0402
Principal	0-0421
Central Primary School	0-0414
Secondary School Headmaster	0-0420
Boys' Department	0-0403
Girls' Department	0-0412
Sisters' Home	0-0421
Hospital	0-0431
John B. Jijita, District Superintendent	0-0413
Sunnyside Homecraft School	0-0913

HEADLANDS

Arnoldine Centre	0-0530
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MANGULA

Mangula Circuit	0-2513
Enoch Chieza	528

MREWA

Mrewa Mission (Includes all those who work at Mrewa)	13
Josiah Kurewa, District Superintendent	30
Rudolph Matongo, Nyamutumbu Church	0-1940

MTOKO

Nyadiri Chairman (and Pastor)	0-1813
Nyadiri Principal	0-1821
Nyadiri Teacher Training College	0-1822
Methodist Hospital (Nyadiri)	0-1803
Nyadiri Maintenance Department	0-1804
District Superintendent	37
Nyamuzuwe Centre	0-1902
Nyamukapa, Rev. P. C. (Home)	0-1840

MUNDENDA — PENHALONGA

Mundenda U.M.C. Umtali	2125-12
Nyakatsapa Primary School	27519

RUSAPE

Vengere Methodist Church	385
Kenneth Shamu	385
Gandanzara School	41226

SALISBURY

Episcopal Residence	660656
Kare Eriksson	55589
Alec Alvord (house)	21611
Methodist Head Office	704127 and 704128
Dental Clinic	81994
Epworth Theological College	55529
Market Square Book Room	20925
Salisbury-Bulawayo District Superintendent	20925
Harare Circuit	81676
Highfield Circuit	85838
Mabvuku Circuit	464436
Maurice Culver	55585
Tom Curtis (house)	84586
Pat Fulmer (house)	892148
Charles Miller	33938
Mufakose Circuit	2690118

UMTALI

Old Umtali Centre (Includes all those who work at Old Umtali)	64733
African Girls' Hostel	63425
African Girls' Hostel Call Box	6002811
Sakubva Christian Centre (Hilltop)	60847
Wesley House, 133 Main St. (Frank Messenger)	63492
Everett Matzigkeit	62691

INYAZURA

Chiduku South Circuit	0-1504
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